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(left) The sophomore girls ready to face the freshmen at Friday's Fall Football Classic. The girls built an 18-12 lead for the boys' team to defend in the second half.



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(right) The freshman boys gear up for their first FFC. The freshmen mounted a second half comeback to beat the sophomore team, 24-18.

Fall Football Classic shines at Loyola

BY CLAIRE HOFFMAN
STAFF WRITER

The sound of cowbells rang through Geppi-Aikens field Friday night as the Class of '07 took home a final victory in the Fall Football Classic. The junior-senior game followed a freshman win earlier that evening against

the sophomores.

The seniors beat the juniors 8-2, while the freshmen produced a great deal more offense in a 24-18 game.

The freshmen kicked off first at 4 p.m., as determined by a competition at the pep rally the night before. The crowd

of orange t-shirts and plastic football clappers was small at first, but picked up as freshman Cassandra Wilkinson scored the first touchdown of the game.

The sophomore fans

wore black t-shirts and shook their football maracas to cheer on Lauren Issaef and Kate Blair's collective three touchdowns for the sophomores before the girls' half of the game was over. The final seconds of the game had the formerly calm crowd on their feet and

cheering.

By the time the freshmen and sophomore boys took the field, the score was 18-12, with the sophomores winning. The boys' game was lower scoring, with more of an emphasis on defense.

"This was a really slow-moving, slug-it-out defense battle," commented Eric Morris, a senior who came early to watch the game. "The freshman defense is stellar."

After two freshmen touchdowns, the clock ran out. The freshmen won the game 24-18, continuing the four-year streak of freshman teams winning, which started with the class of '07.

"So much for the dynasty!" freshman class President Charlie Taibi joked to Sam Harvey, sophomore president and member of the girls' team.

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ALEXANDRA DYKHOUSE/GREYHOUND

The senior class rings their cow bells as they defeat the juniors to win the FFC last Friday.

Democrats take back Congress

BY DAN VERDEROSA
MANAGING EDITOR

Months of speculation came to an end last week as the Democrats took control of Congress for the first time in over 10 years.

With 10 seats still undecided, Democrats enjoyed a net gain of 29 seats in the House of Representatives, giving them a total of 229 seats to the Republicans' 196. In the Senate, two hotly contested races gave the Democrats control by the narrowest of margins -- one seat.

"If you look at it race by race, it was close," said President Bush, as reported in *The New York Times*. "The cumulative effect, however, was not close. It was a thumping."

The Virginia Senate race, which was so close that incumbent George Allen (R) only conceded defeat Friday, gave Democrats their slim majority. Other notable senate races included Claire McCaskill's (D) win over Jim Talent (R) in Missouri, Democrat Jon Tester's narrow win over Conrad Burns (R) in Montana, and Republican Bob Corker's defeat of Democrat Harold Ford, Jr.

The Democrats' sweep did not stop with the Congress, however, as they gained six governorships, giving them the majority there as well.

In the Maryland gubernatorial election, Baltimore City Mayor Martin O'Malley (D) won the governorship with 53 percent of

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The Baltimore Basilica, the oldest Cathedral in the country, reopened last week after being closed for a two-year restoration project. Loyola's Chapel and Gospel Choirs performed at a Youth Mass on Saturday.

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Britain says it's tracking about 30 terrorist plots

By MATTHEW SCHOFIELD
McCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS

BERLIN - British anti-terrorist police are tracking more than 200 groups and more than 1,600 suspects who are thought to be planning attacks in Britain and abroad, the head of Britain's domestic intelligence agency said in a speech released Friday in London.

Dame Eliza Manningham-Buller, the director-general of MI5 since 2002, said networks inspired by the goals of international terrorism and either directed by Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida in Pakistan or locally controlled, are plotting about 30 mass-casualty suicide attacks in the United Kingdom.

"Today we see the use of homemade improvised explosive devices; tomorrow's threat may include the use of chemicals, bacteriological agents, radioactive materials and even nuclear technology," she said.

"We are aware of numerous plots to kill people and to damage our economy," she said. "What do I mean by numerous? Five? Ten? No, nearer 30 that we know of. These plots often have links back to al-Qaida in Pakistan, and through those links al-Qaida gives guidance and training to its largely British foot soldiers here on an extensive and growing scale. And it is not just the U.K., of course. Other countries also face a new terrorist threat, from Spain to France to Canada and Germany."

Manningham-Buller rarely makes public comments, so her words are taken seriously in the United Kingdom and elsewhere. She spoke Thursday at Queen Mary's College in London.



JONATHAN BUCKMASTER/MCT

Passengers line up outside London's Heathrow Airport on Thursday, Aug. 10, after flights were cancelled or delayed and security heightened due to arrests in an alleged terrorist plot to blow up flights from Britain to the United States. Britain now claims to be tracking 30 additional terrorist plots.

Terrorism analysts said her speech was rare and significant, and probably was prompted by the Democratic victories in the United States House of Representatives and Senate.

Robert Ayers, a security expert at Britain's prestigious Chatham House research center, said there appears to be hope in England that al-Qaida will decrease the intensity of its attacks because President Bush has been weakened and British Prime Minister Tony Blair - the other main backer of the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq - is on his way out.

"This much detail, this strongly worded, she's telling us the problem is here now, it's not going away and it

doesn't matter who's in charge, al-Qaida is not going to be sweetness and light," Ayers said.

Manningham-Buller said that since she took command of the spy organization in 2002, and in her five years as deputy director before that, she's seen "a steady increase in the terror threat to the U.K."

She noted that al-Qaida's first attempted attack in Britain was foiled in Birmingham, an industrial city in the British Midlands, in November 2000.

"Let there be no doubt about this: The international terrorist threat to this country is not new," she said. "It began before Iraq, before Afghanistan and before 9/11."

Manningham-Buller said that according

to recent polls, more than 100,000 Britons consider the July 2005 terrorist attacks in London, which killed 52 people, justified. "More and more people are moving from passive sympathy towards active terrorism through being radicalized or indoctrinated by friends, families, in organized training events here and overseas, by images on television, through chat rooms and Web sites on the Internet," she said.

Her warning came days after Dhiren Barot, a 34-year-old convert to Islam, was sentenced to a minimum of 40 years in prison for plotting terror attacks in the United States and Britain, including the use of dirty bombs, attacks on hotels and railway stations in Britain and an attack on Wall Street.

Manningham-Buller said terrorist planning was ongoing when attacks took place in Madrid, Casablanca, Bali and Istanbul, but that domestic plots were disrupted.

"This run of domestic success was interrupted tragically in London in July 2005," she said, referring to the subway and bus bombs. Since then, she said, security forces "have thwarted a further five major conspiracies in the U.K., saving many hundreds, possibly even thousands, of lives."

Blair later agreed with his nation's top security official. "I've been saying, as you know, for several years that this terrorist threat is very real," he said. "This is a threat that has grown up over a generation."

Manningham-Buller said al-Qaida has a "sophisticated" propaganda machine, and she said, "Young teenagers are being groomed to be suicide bombers."

Off-campus Evergreen presentation postponed

Student Government Association President Mike Hardy's presentation for off-campus Evergreen swipe, originally scheduled for the Nov. 7 President's Cabinet meeting, was cancelled. As a result, the meeting and presentation have been rescheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 28.

Panel to consider civil justice in Baltimore City

A panel discussion concerning access, or a lack thereof, to civil justice in Baltimore City will be moderated by Attorney General of the State of Maryland, J. Joseph Curran this afternoon from 4:30 p.m. until 6 p.m. in the fourth-floor Programming Room.

The panel will include representatives from the Baltimore Legal Aid Bureau, CASA of Maryland, and the Public Justice Center.

Discussion among the panel will focus on the poor's access to sufficient legal counsel, the adequacy of pro bono and legal aid resources, and the controversy surrounding the question of constitutional right to counsel in civil matters as already exists in criminal matters.

Year of the City and Campus Ministry art contest

Campus Ministry and Year of the City are sponsoring a "Faith in the City" art contest, which will culminate in an exhibition in Cohn Hall at the end of Jan.

Each piece of artwork should reflect or interpret the theme, "Faith in the City." Submissions for the contest are due by

Friday, Jan. 19. A jury panel including members of Loyola's Fine Arts and Communications

Departments will judge the submissions. The winners of this contest receive monetary prizes and will have their artwork displayed within Cohn Hall and will be showcased until March 15.

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Campus Police Blotter

Selected excerpts from reports

Sunday, Nov. 5

A campus police officer was dispatched to Bellarmine Hall, just outside of WLOY radio station, at 3:32 a.m. for a reported assault. The officer found the complainant to have a strong odor of alcohol on him, and injuries to his left foot and mouth. Attempts to obtain information on the actual assault from the student were unsuccessful due to his condition. A GRC and a medic unit were requested. The medic treated the student's injuries on the scene but did not transport him. The student's roommates responded to the scene and took him back to his room.

Monday, Nov. 6

At 5:13 p.m., a campus police officer observed paramedics and BCFD entering the rear parking lot of Newman Towers. The officer opened the gate for them and proceeded towards the rear of the lot. At the end of the lot in the wooded area they found a student. The officer asked them what happened and was told that an unidentified jogger (while jogging on the path in the woods) found the student lying on the ground and called 911. The jogger was not in the area when campus police arrived to the scene. The paramedics' initial observation was possible overdose of drugs or medication. The student was transported to Union Memorial Hospital for further observation.

Saturday, Nov. 11

At 2:18 a.m., a campus police officer was patrolling the York Road Corridor and witnessed BCPD with flashing lights huddled by two persons. The officer questioned BCPD as to whether the persons seated on the curb were Loyola students. Both students were identified as Loyola students with their school IDs. One student, a resident of Newman Towers West, informed the officer that she witnessed the other student stumble from Murphy's Bar, fall, and hit his head with a laceration to the back of his head. A medic arrived at the scene and triaged the injured student. The student was escorted to his room without further incident.

-compiled by Mary Scott



COURTESY OF CCSJ

Members of last year's Project Mexico team visit children in an orphanage along the border region of Mexico last January.

Project Mexico auction to offer array of items and services to LC

BY JESSICA HENDERSON
STAFF WRITER

Tomorrow, the Project Mexico team will be holding their annual silent and live auctions to raise money for the Project Mexico service-immersion program and the community of Tijuana, Mexico. They hope to raise about \$20,000.

Project Mexico is a Loyola sponsored service-immersion program that takes place from Jan. 3 to Jan. 12 in Tijuana, Mexico.

A group of 20 students and three faculty advisors will travel there to participate in a variety of service projects.

"It's important for Loyola to

realize why we're going down there and where the money is going. It's really a life-altering experience for me," said Greg Pace, a senior and Project Mexico student leader.

Activities include a visit to a boys' orphanage in Tecate and cement mixing at local schools in Tijuana.

The team will also visit a maquiladora, a factory where natives are often exploited by foreign companies for cheap labor, as well as visit La Casa del Immigrante, a half-way house along the border of San Diego and Tijuana for people recently deported from the U.S.

"We work with the community of Tijuana to get to know them and their stories," said Carolyn O'Neil. "I hope that we can make a difference in the communities and schools that we work with and as a team educate ourselves on the border issues and bring them back to Loyola, Baltimore, and beyond."

The auction will run tomorrow from 4 to 8 p.m. Cash, credit cards, and Evergreen cards are accepted. Items up for bid include artwork, photographs, gift certificates, tickets to sporting events, iPods, digital cameras, weekend trips at vacation homes,

dinners with faculty and alumni, "happy hours" at the Greene Turtle and Power Plant, and personal services such as babysitting.

Unique items include tickets to tapings of "The Colbert Report" and "Late Night with Conan O'Brien." Tickets to the Goo Goo Dolls' performance at the Lyric Opera House are also up for bid. Rev. Brian Linnane S.J. has also donated Ravens tickets to the auction.

Joe Winter, of Student Activities, is sponsoring a flying trip with U.S. Air Force pilots.

Kevin Atticks, Communications professor and publicist for the Maryland Wineries Association, is sponsoring a wine-tasting

event, which has been very popular in recent years.

Vittoria DiProspero, one of the members of the Project Mexico team, has donated a summer stay in her family's Sea Isle shore house.

Ted Blusiewicz, Loyola's own shuttle driver, will be auctioning off dinner, homemade crab cakes, and an autographed parking sign and shuttle transportation cap.

Spectrum, the organization that serves Loyola's gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender students, is sponsoring "Queer Eye for the Loyola Guy," based on Bravo's television show, "Queer Eye for the Straight Guy." Members of Spectrum will instruct the winner in food, fashion, and culture.

The Project Mexico team will also be raffling off a 1998 red Toyota Camry.

Charles Bevard, a Loyola graduate and professional auctioneer, will host the live auction, along with Blusiewicz, Xavier Cole, Marya Howell, Linnane, Joe Logan, Suzy Pacia, and Jimmy Patsos. The Loyola Belles and Chimes will perform at the auction.

Project Mexico will also host a Mexican buffet, priced at \$8 per person.

Accident, armed robbery raise concern on east side

BY TERRY FOY
EDITOR IN CHIEF

On the heels of increased tension over gang activity and break-ins, a motor vehicle accident and an armed robbery have piqued the concern of east side residents.

At 11:45 Tuesday night, a white pick-up truck collided with two parked cars on Notre Dame Lane outside of the entrance to the McCauley parking lot, before backing up and lodging on the curb. The driver then fled the scene as Loyola police were responding.

According to police reports, the suspect was a white male, approximately 6-foot-5 inches tall and weighing 245 pounds.

Michelle Labree, who owned one of the cars, was among a group of students who saw the accident occur.

Baltimore police, who later responded to the accident, have not established whether or not the suspect was intoxicated, or

whether the car was stolen.

"The city has the registration and all those bits and pieces, but they don't know if it was stolen or a disgruntled truck driver," Director of Public Safety Tim Fox said. "I haven't gotten feedback on that piece yet."

At 8 p.m. last Monday night, a black male between 18 and 21 years old reportedly used a weapon to rob Peggy Field, an employee

at the Loyola/Notre Dame Library, as she walked to a York Road bus stop. She was stopped along Winston Avenue by a man holding an unident-

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-Tim Fox

ified weapon in his right hand.

Feild relinquished her purse, containing bank cards, credit cards and \$15 in cash.

"The city is working that," Fox said. "I talked to the district commander and they were working hard in that area [around Winston Avenue] on Saturday, had made a couple of arrests in other, similar crimes. I can't say it was the same suspects that have been responsible for that robbery, though."



COURTESY OF BLAIR SNYDER

A man driving a white pick-up truck crashed into several cars on Notre Dame Lane Tuesday night, just outside the entrance to the McCauley parking lot. The driver fled the scene before campus police arrived.

Student busted for making false IDs

BY MARY SCOTT
NEWS EDITOR

Campus police recently caught a student selling fake IDs from his dorm room and are in the process of locating students who have purchased IDs from him.

According to Director of Public Safety Tim Fox, campus police received an anonymous tip that the student was selling fake IDs. Over 50 students who purchased false identification have been located from information stored in the computer used to make the identification cards.

"There was pretty irrefutable evidence that these people had purchased them. Their names and pictures were in the computer along with other information like addresses -- the only information that was different was their birthdates, which made the student over the age of 21," said Fox.

According to Fox, the IDs were "fairly

sophisticated" and came from a variety of eastern seaboard states.

The judiciary process is still underway; and campus police declined to give many specifics about the case until it is shut. However, the Loyola College Code of Conduct states that the standard sanction for manufacturing or selling false identification is expulsion from the College. Standard sanction for those found possessing a fake ID is a \$200 fine and deferred residence hall suspension.

The penalty in most states for possessing, manufacturing, and distributing false identifications is a fine and some jail time.

"Although we tend to say it's just a fake ID, and I'm just going to use it to get into bars and purchase alcohol, there's a whole other element to it with illegal immigrants, voting, terrorists," said Fox. "That's why the laws have puffed up a little."

SGA discusses grade inflation

By MEGAN McCONVILLE
STAFF WRITER

Last Wednesday, the Student Government Association held a meeting where they discussed grade inflation, campus safety, and the St. Mary's partnership.

Grade inflation, the most stirring topic of the meeting, was presented by Alex Hollis, a sophomore who is also a student representative on the Academic Senate. The issue of grade inflation has been a major item of debate recently.

Hollis attempted to clear up any rumors that students might have heard lately and explained that while this has been an issue over the past year, it is still going on. Loyola is concerned that the overall cumulative GPA of the school, which is estimated to be around 3.3, is too high. Members of the Academic Senate are hoping to bring down the collective GPA to roughly a 2.8.

Hollis explained that this is a national issue and not something that only Loyola is concerned with. Schools around the country are worried that with grades being so high, those who truly excel are not getting the recognition they deserve, and that degrees from students with such high GPAs will lower the image of overall academic toughness of the school.

One of the main reasons for the consideration

of a new grading policy is the extreme differences in GPAs among majors.

"I certainly believe the biggest problem is the difference between departments," SGA Vice President Jessica Koontz said.

As of now, according to Hollis, many professors and students are against the idea of stricter grading policies, and the Academic Senate is unsure of where to go with this issue. If the plan does actually go through, it will not begin affecting grades until two years from now.

Class of 2008 assemblyman Alberto Acosta sees a positive aspect to this subject.

"I think it's a good idea to look into this issue as deeply as we are going to, because it's a nationwide problem and we should be looked upon as leaders in dealing with this issue and not as a school that's trying to hide its academic affairs," Acosta said.

Also on the agenda was a discussion of a new campus safety proposal, presented by junior class President Mike O'Keefe. In this proposal, the SGA will determine to address campus safety more this year and dispel rumors on campus, such as the recent rumors of gangs on York Road.

If agreed upon by its members, the SGA will do research and speak with administration and safety officials to obtain the facts about what is going on and what students can do to remain

safe. They will then present this information to the students in the form of a letter, which will be sent out when significant events occur.

The meeting also addressed the Saint Mary's project and announced an SGA interest in fundraising. The fundraisers, which would go towards helping St. Mary's students with tuition, would run along the lines of a table set up outside of Boulder after Thanksgiving break.

"I really want to see people get involved," Koontz said of the project. "It's a great student initiative and also counts towards the Year of the City."



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Sophomore Alex Hollis addressed the SGA about grade inflation rumors at the meeting last weekend.

Religion requirement for science cores rejected

By LIA GORMSEN
STAFF WRITER

Last week, the Academic Senate voted down a learning aim that would have required math and science core classes to explain the Jesuit teaching that science helps us to "see God in all things."

The aim, proposed by David Haddad, vice president of Academic Affairs, provoked a "healthy debate" among senate members, according to Professor Donald Keefer, a senator who represents the Biology Department.

The learning aim, which was voted down 13-12 at last Tuesday's meeting, stipulated that students should be able to "understand and explain that the Jesuit tradition holds that scientific discovery does help to see God in all things."

Haddad, concerned with keeping the Jesuit ideals firmly connected to the core classes, was disappointed after Tuesday's vote.

"What will distinguish science at Loyola from science at any other liberal arts school," asked Haddad. "For me, that is now the question."

The Academic Senate, which is made up of one faculty representative from each department, along with some administrative members, considered rewording the aim, but ultimately decided the content of the goal could not be practically integrated into the core.

Of the senators from the natural science departments, most agreed that the problem lay not with the actual Jesuit tradition of God in science but rather with more practical application issues, such as course time constraints and the question of whether science-trained faculty would be qualified to teach such beliefs.

Jesse More, a professor in the Chemistry Department, believed the aim could be integrated in non-major science cores but wondered what would happen with science and math majors, who take courses such as general chemistry and microbiology to fulfill their core.

"Would we have to teach Jesuit traditions in chemistry class," More asked. "That just wouldn't be plausible."

Some senators found larger problems with the aim. Professor Joe Ganem, senator from the Physics Department, questioned whether Jesuits in fact "see God in all things."

"To me, that statement sounds like pantheism. I would like to hear a Jesuit elucidate that idea."

Ganem echoed a common concern among the faculty who

voted against the aim. "See, right now I'm out of my element," said Ganem. "What if students started questioning me [about the teachings], I'm not qualified to answer."

Professor Keefer found fault in the first sentence of the aim, which states that "science in and of itself is a good." For Keefer, "science is neither good nor bad; rather, science is a way to understand the world."

Recognizing that all six senators representing the natural science and math departments voted down the aim, History professor Charlie Cheape called the vote, which came within one of passing, "a joke."

"We came very close to imposing a goal on people who felt it shouldn't be passed," said Cheape. "That would have been a travesty."

Of the nine learning aims the Senate is considering for the natural sciences and math, this was the only one which included reference to Jesuit traditions and God.

The senate will vote on several more learning aims for the natural sciences and math, as well as for social sciences and the humanities, in upcoming weeks.

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Seniors, freshmen victors in Fall Football Classic

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"Hey, we've still got a lady dynasty!" Harvey shot back.

During halftime, WLOY held a "Punt, Pass, and Kick" contest on the field. Two sophomores brought home concert tickets, and all participants got movie tickets to the Charles Theatre.

The contest was followed by the traditional dance team performance, a crowd favorite.

"It's always fun to be in the FFC," said three-year dance team captain

Amanda Levinson.

As the sun went down, the crowd filled with the grey and green shirts of the juniors and seniors, already on their feet and shouting cheers.

"I'm confident we're going to win," said senior class President Blair Puscas before the game. "You can put that in writing. The juniors are going to dream about these cowbells for weeks!"

In the first few minutes of play, senior Emily Nihan scored a touchdown.

The half came to a close around 7

p.m., with the senior girls up 8-0. The boys took the field with a vengeance, and the juniors scored two points on a safety during a punt return. Despite an intense rally by the class of '08, the clock ran out and the final score was 8-2, giving the class of 2007 their third victory in their time at Loyola.

"Those last 31.4 seconds were crazy!" said senior Paul Cubita.

Senior Rob Basile, who helped anchor the seniors' defensive line, thought the juniors held their own.

"They had us in size," he admitted, "but our 'D' was solid and we kept 'em down."

The seniors were not able to rush the field, which has been done in the past. The event staff was strict about students staying up on the bleachers and away from the fence, hoping to prevent anybody from running onto the field unexpectedly.



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Senior quarterback Ryan Rabidou looks upfield as juniors pursue him in last week's FFC. The seniors beat the juniors 8-2, with Emily Nihan scoring the lone touchdown of the game.



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Sophomore Jayne Chong eludes opposing defense in their game against the freshmen. For the fourth year running, freshmen were victorious over the sophomores.



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O'Malley defeats Ehrlich

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the vote, defeating incumbent Robert Ehrlich (R), who received 46 percent. In Maryland's U.S. Senate race, U.S. Rep. Ben Cardin (D) defeated Michael Steele (R), 55 percent to 44.

"I asked for six years as a U.S. senator, that's all I ever wanted. But the people thought otherwise and I trust them and their judgement," said Steele, as reported in *The Washington Post*.

Fears that new electronic voting machines would not work properly and cause turmoil on Election Day were largely allayed. Maryland poll workers reported few significant problems.

Widely seen as a referendum on the Iraq war and George W. Bush's policies, the nationwide election results have been interpreted by many pundits as a call for a change of course from the American voters. Such a change will be difficult to muster, however, with a split government. The Democratic leadership and Bush have vowed to work together, but whether such a promise can be put into action remains to be seen.

The Democrats' win has already effected some change in Washington, however. Bush announced on Wednesday that Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld was stepping down. Bush also nominated former Director of Central Intelligence Robert Gates to replace Rumsfeld.

Rumsfeld was not the only prominent Republican to step down after the elections. On Thursday, Ken Mehlman, chairman of the Republican National Committee, announced that he would be vacating his position at the end of the year.

After their victory, the onus is now on

Democrats to produce results. The new Congress should be able to pass legislation on immigration because Democrats have for the most part been in agreement with Bush's guest-worker policy. Chances also look good for a raise in the federal minimum wage.

Beyond those issues, there seems little room for compromise between Bush and Congress. The confirmation of U.N. Ambassador John Bolton, whose nomination Bush submitted on Thursday, seems all but dead in the wake of Tuesday's elections. Legislation to authorize the National Security Agency's domestic surveillance program also has little chance of success after the Democrats' victory.

The Democrats' victory also sees the rise of U.S. Rep. Nancy Pelosi (D-Cal.) to the position of Speaker of the House. House Democrats must still vote Pelosi into that position in January, when the new Congress takes over, but she is considered a virtual lock for the position. Pelosi, a Baltimore native, would be the first female Speaker in U.S. history.

As Speaker of the House, Pelosi will also be in an important position to work with the Bush administration and other Republicans to pass legislation.

"We have our differences and we will debate them, and that is what our founders intended," Pelosi said in the *San Francisco Chronicle*. "But we will do so in a way that gets results for the American people."

With Pelosi moving up in position, Rep. Steny H. Hoyer (D-Md.) is a frontrunner to become House majority leader, although Rep. John P. Murtha (D-Penn.) has also expressed interest in the position.



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Baltimore community members who are serviced by various organizations associated with CCSJ shared dinner, conversation, and entertainment with Loyola students and faculty at the annual Meet and Eat last Wednesday.

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— THE GREYHOUND EDITORIAL — Inflation anxiety

At Wednesday's meeting of the Student Government Association, student leaders again broached grade inflation as a problem facing Loyola. *The Greyhound* thinks that, along with the College's responsibility to keep its students safe, dealing with grade inflation is the most important issue facing the faculty and administration.

Of the myriad problems within Loyola's grading system, consistently rising grade point averages and inequities between mean GPAs of different majors are the two foremost. Prior to addressing solutions, the Academic Senate and the Office of Academic Affairs must identify the first problem as a national one and the second as an institutional imbalance, and then act accordingly.

The variety of solutions to grade inflation range from minor to extreme, and sensible to absurd. Bell curves, assigning more difficult work, and switching from a four-point scale to a 100-point scale are all possibilities, but also contain pitfalls. For example, some argue that bell curves are inherently unfair, yet the system has helped to distinguish many of America's finest universities. Loyola is sure to encounter opposition against whatever plan, or combination of plans, it may choose to implement; the current proposal to redefine assigned grades to encourage professors to give more C's has already been criticized for its narrow focus. Healthy discussion arising from opposition is good, but it cannot give way to inactivity and the status quo.

Princeton, which has taken substantial steps to fight continually rising GPAs, has the influence to adopt an effective quota system, which curbs inflation without damaging its graduates' futures because changes to its grading policy are widely publicized.

In order to ensure that Loyola does not deter potential applicants or damage alumni's chances after graduation, the College ought to cooperate with a number of other universities, be the affiliation regional or Jesuit, to generate enough attention towards a major shift in grading policies at Loyola.

As the search for a new vice president of Academic Affairs continues, solutions to this problem can and should be a primary tool for evaluation. David Haddad's replacement will have a number of large challenges before him, but determining a fair way to evaluate student performance in the classroom is the greatest.

■ The voice of the people



Local football rivalries teach life lessons

Someone once said to me, a Baltimore native, "If you ask someone where they're from, they'll tell you where they graduated from high school. In Baltimore, it seems to matter more what high school you went to than anything else."

I took some time and thought about that statement, and discovered it to be quite true. On one Saturday in November, football is truly the talk of this town. If you're a public school alum, you're probably headed to the game between rivals Baltimore City College and Baltimore Polytechnic Institute. That game known today as the City-Poly game marks a cross-town rivalry that is 118 years strong. If you're a prep school alum, you want to see who comes out on top between McDonogh School and Gilman School. The rivalry has now gone on for 91 years. While there is certainly a lot of talk before the game, come game day, what happens on the field is all that matters.

The City College kids don

orange and black, the Poly kids orange and blue. The McDonogh kids don orange and black also, and the Gilman kids blue and grey. In two separate parts of town -- generally uptown for the prep schools, and downtown for the public schools -- two games go on as if they were the last ones which the teams will ever play. At the end of the game day, two teams will walk away with their spirits lifted, and two with an added burden on their shoulders. This year, both teams who donned the orange and black were victorious. City reigned over Poly, and McDonogh held their ground against Gilman. As a McDonogh alum and friend to many City College alums, I can say I wore a smile. There is undoubtedly something special about that good old orange and black.

City, a public magnet school, is also known as the "Castle on the Hill." McDonogh, a prep school in suburban Baltimore, also sits up on a hill. Both places speak to tradition, legacy, and prestige. On this day, they speak to the

importance of communal pride. Pride is not just worn by those who are victorious; pride is also worn by those who can only hope for victory. Rivalries like these are part of the all-American tradition in which competition, boosted by character and integrity, are so important. If there is anything we can learn from the old Baltimore tradition, it is that competition is a part of life. We don't hate the other team because they're the competition. We love the fact that they compel us to do better. We don't become arrogant when we win, we humble ourselves because the win was hard-fought. If we focus only on today's win, how can we prepare for tomorrow's victory?

I guess it's true that the prideful must be mindful. The best player is the one who starts every game with an even record or a clean slate.

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POLL QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

What effect do you think Democratic control of Congress will have on the U.S. political process?

- Major changes concerning Iraq policy
- Minor changes, mostly involving social/economic issues
- Little if anything will change; the president is still in control

Last issue's poll: (Results not scientific)

With the NFL season half over, who is going to bring home the Vince Lombardi Trophy?

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| - Other (39%) | - Bears (12%) |
| - Patriots (24%) | - Colts (6%) |
| - Giants (18%) | |

A New Year's resolution for bipartisanship

With Republican Senator George Allen's concession to challenger Jim Webb last Thursday, the Democratic Party took control of the U.S. Congress for the first time in 12

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years.

In the House, where the Democrats picked up 29 seats, the 2006 midterm elections marked the first change of majority power since 1994. And in the Senate, Democrats gained six seats -- in Virginia, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Montana, Missouri, and Vermont.

As a registered Republican, I was somewhat disappointed with the results, although not all that surprised for the most part.

However, I will say that I think my fellow Marylanders made a big mistake in electing Baltimore mayor Martin O'Malley as governor. After living in Baltimore for nearly two and a half years, and being aware of the high crime rate, failing schools, and poorly maintained roads, I can't help but wonder what he will do for the whole state.

It is not at all uncommon for power in at least one house of Congress to shift in the sixth year of a two-term presidency. People often translate their dissatisfaction with the president's policies and decisions into votes for the opposite party. In this case, many Americans communicated their frustration with President Bush's policies concerning the war in Iraq. There were other issues to be sure -- the state of the economy is always a big one. But this year, disapproval of the way the Bush administration has handled

the war was what many thought of when they went to the polls.

Basically, if a candidate had an 'R' behind his name, and was in a moderate district or state, he was on shaky ground. In my mind, that fact is a large part of why Maryland Governor Robert Ehrlich was not reelected. His approval ratings were respectable during his four years in office; he was moderate on most issues and he

it is politics at its truest. Now that we know who's going to be in Washington come January, we need to consider how the shift in power could change the atmosphere on Capitol Hill.

In the past four years or so especially, the partisanship in Congress has been especially vicious.

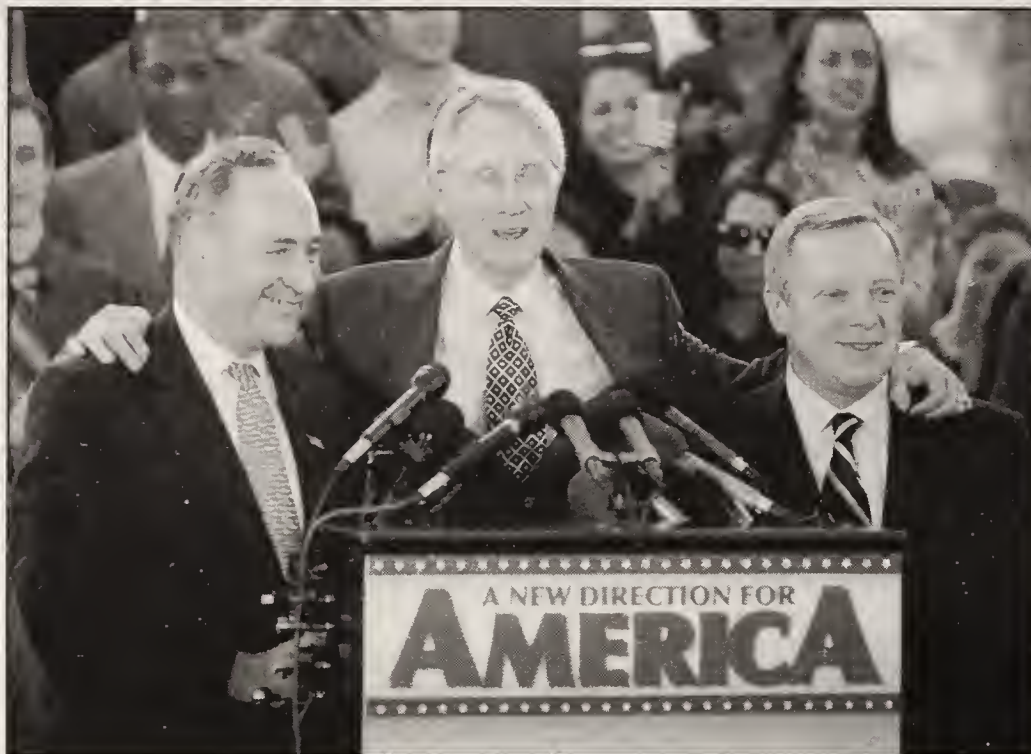
The two parties briefly presented a united front after the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11 -

they could have been victims as well. Starting in 2002, though, their debates grew more and more rigid, and there were fewer good relationships between members of the two parties.

One former congressman described a casual pizza party at which no member sat with someone from the opposite party. Although it was meant to be informal, the atmosphere was far from jovial; everyone was speaking in hushed tones, and only about work-related subjects. Many Americans recognized this viciousness, blamed Republicans and, as a result, wanted change. They voted the Democrats into the majority in the hopes that things would get better.

My message to the Republicans and Democrats of the to-be 110th Congress is this: do not waste the next two years on silly partisanship. Yes, it is important to have cohesion with members of one's own party -- that's an integral part of our democratic system. But don't let it get in the way of serving the people who elected you. They sent you a message that they want things to be different.

And you have several new members who do not always walk the party line: Democrat Heath Shuler from North Carolina, for example, is quite conservative on issues like gun ownership and abortion. The fact that there is now more variation among members makes me hope that this fierce partisanship will be relaxed a little bit. The election last Tuesday proved that this is not your grandmother's Congress. They need to prove to the American people that they can make more of an effort to work together and achieve great things. Whether they do or not will determine what happens in 2008.



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From left, Senators Chuck Schumer (D-N.Y.), Harry Reid (D-N.V.) and Dick Durbin (D-Ill.) speak Thursday at a rally in Washington to celebrate the Democrats' new Senate control.

accomplished a lot for the state.

While it certainly isn't fair that voters should take out their frustration with the executive branch on the legislative branch,

- they were horrified, like the rest of us, at what had just happened, and also aware that if the people on Flight 93 had not brought the plane down in that Pennsylvania field,

Rumsfeld's departure comes years too late

A few too many years, a few too many scandals, a few too many thousands of lost lives too late, Donald Rumsfeld has resigned

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as Secretary of Defense. Just think, it only took the Abu Ghraib prisoner abuse incident, his stamped signature on letters of condolence to families of killed soldiers, his alleged profiting from sales of the bird flu vaccine, his reputation for obstinacy, and his overall paltry handling of the war in Iraq to get this man to step down as the head of our military. But hey, our great country is all about second chances, right? I mean, our president did snort cocaine.

It's interesting to ponder what might have been, had Donny Rums (as I call him every other Friday, when we do ether together in his basement) resigned years ago (and you thought all his inane decisions didn't have anything to do with drugs).

Would George's approval rating be in the tank like it is today? Would our nation be spending almost \$200 billion a day on a seemingly lost cause, which is becoming frighteningly more analogous to Vietnam by the minute?

Without a time machine (although I hear W. is interested in investing billions in its invention, along with x-ray glasses), it truly is impossible to

predict where our nation might be standing today had Rumsfeld's resignation been accepted by Bush twice in the past.

Yes, that's right, twice in the past.

Rumsfeld offered his resignation not

once, but twice, during the months surrounding the Abu Ghraib prisoner scandal in 2004, and both times, the commander-in-chief refused to accept it.

So maybe we really shouldn't put the blame on Rumsfeld after all. Apparently, he

knew he screwed up and was willing to step down, to leave office with the stigma of the prisoner abuse scandal attached to his name.

But our president had faith in the Secretary of Defense and refused to let him go. Clearly Bush believed in Rumsfeld. That, or he didn't want his relatively surprising appointment of him to be seen as a mistake. He had already made enough of those.

It was almost a year ago that retired generals spoke out against Rumsfeld and called for him to resign. Once again, Bush stood firm and spoke confidently about his Secretary of Defense's military strategy.

Who could've known such insurgency would occur? It's not like we were invading a country divided by extreme religious adversity.

And it seems like just yesterday that

'Dubya' was standing on that aircraft carrier beneath that "Mission: Accomplished" banner looking as proud as Lynndie England did situated in front of that human pyramid of Iraqi POWs. Looking back on all of the absolutely horrific and unexplainably

stupid events that have occurred in recent years, it really does seem that Bush kept Rumsfeld around to let the blame fall on someone else. As long as the

situation was worsening in Iraq, the blame could fall on Rumsfeld. Who wouldn't blame him? With all the controversy he sparked in such a short time in the Middle East, it was almost easy to forget that Bush appointed him and was as responsible, if not more so, than Rumsfeld for the snowball of disastrous events in Iraq and Afghanistan.

I don't know what mission we were supposed to believe was accomplished when our president spoke to us from that aircraft carrier in May of 2003, but I do know that perhaps the most significant victory of the Iraqi crisis is the resignation of Rumsfeld.

And all it took was an overwhelming Democratic victory in the House for Bush to finally realize that people really don't like him and his administration. But of course there is a scapegoat -- I mean, there is always a scapegoat with this administration, right? At his press conference Bush said, "I thought when it was all said and done, the

American people would understand the importance of taxes and the importance of security."

Apparently, if you voted Democratic, you don't understand the importance of taxes and security.

Although Rumsfeld stepping down is indeed a huge step toward the betterment of the state of our union as a whole, no great progress will be made until our president swallows his pride, owns up to his mistakes, and starts to dig our nation out of the hole he's pushed us into.

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“Swallow’s Night” poor aspect of great cause

This very week, one of the most exciting on-campus events Loyola has to offer finally comes to McGuire Hall: the Project

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Mexico Auction. This annual tradition, featuring food, performances, over 200 donated items up for bid, and most importantly, the entire Loyola community, is a non-stop evening of fun for a good cause.

The Project Mexico team of 20 dedicated students and two ambitious staff members works through the fall semester to raise funds for their January trip to Tijuana and Tecate, Mexico.

There, they immerse themselves in the communities and learn about all the social issues plaguing the underdeveloped areas. Points of focus include education programs, spiritual development, and human rights.

Hopefully, some of you made it out earlier this week to another event benefiting the cause.

Didn't hear about it? No?

That's because when Swallow at the Hollow donated all of Saturday night's cover charges plus a matching donation from the establishment itself, the team knew better than to advertise the event.

Could they have gotten away with what appeared to be a fundraising event feeding off of underage drinking?

No, probably not.

Could they accept whatever donation Swallow's was willing to give, as long as the team did not advertise or promote the underage drinking they knew would be going on? Sure.

Ultimately, there was nothing fishy about this donation

-- not one thing.

Project Mexico solicits all local businesses for donations, either monetary or substantial, for the Auction.

Swallow at the Hollow simply decided their donation would be a matching donation of one night's cover charges.

Simple as that.

PMex did not set up this event to attract underage drinking -- let's be very clear about that.

They simply asked Swallow's what they would like to donate, and Swallow's complied with their donation of choice. Their donation. Their idea.

Then, the team members did nothing in the way of advertising, no Facebook messages to the general Loyola population letting them know this was a way to support the cause. Instead, Project Mexico let Saturday night happen as it normally would and collected the money out of Swallow's hands after everyone had gone home for the night.

Thus, Project Mexico in no way became involved with the underage drinking we all know occurs at Swallows on Saturday (and every) night.

Ethically, however, do we have a dilemma on our hands?

Originally, when I heard about this "fundraiser" (as I assumed it to be, as opposed to a

donation), I was flabbergasted.

I couldn't see how PMex and CCSJ would begin to promote an event such as this, knowing what kind of behavior their money would be coming from.

But I quickly realized they didn't promote it. It just simply happened.

Hands clean.

But look at a greater context -- politicians' careers crumble when donations are uncovered from compromising sources. Look, even, at the puppy -- the adorable cutest-thing-ever puppy that PMex auctions off every year.

This year, there may be no puppy. Why? Ethical implications.

So, too, are there ethical implications to accepting money from an establishment where one knows for a fact that underage drinking occurs.

It isn't so much an issue of turning blind eyes, but rather a question of the essential morals behind accepting donations for formidable causes.

As worthy and popular a cause as Project Mexico is, it could have chosen anywhere to gain financial support. By seeking that support from Swallow's, CCSJ is supporting underage drinking, however indirectly.

It isn't the end of the world -- just something to keep in mind for the future.

In the meantime, go to the auction.

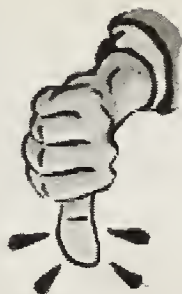
This is a fundraiser that clearly matches the ideals of the Project Mexico team. Sit down with the team members, your faculty, and friends, enjoy the spectacle, and feel a little bit of the joy the PMex members themselves will experience in full come January.

The team members will thank you for it, and you will thank yourself for cleanly supporting a wonderful organization.

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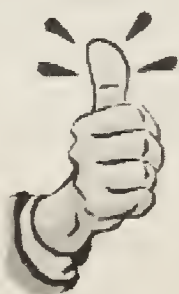
BY BRIDGETHANAHAN & STEVESTANTON

El Chupacabra -- ¡AY PAPI! ¡DIOS MIO! ¿Es la verdad?... Chipotle? Translation (or so we're told): Project Mexico Auction -- Wednesday. Be there. The most worthwhile cause of the year, we give thumbs up to all involved...hell, we'd even auction off a thumbs to whomever wanted it...unless of course it was Craig's.



Fall Football Classic -- Every fall, America succumbs to football fever, and Loyola builds on that tradition by bringing together each class in one night of autumnal ecstasy. This year, nature gave us one perfect evening, and the Freshmen and Seniors reigned supreme, building anticipation for next year's super showdown between the two embarrassed losers! Star athletes and average students dazzled the ferocious fans, and we were reminded how incredible varsity sports games can be if all the classes came out in force.

Pizza Pizza! -- Baltimore has a lot going for it, but nothing beats boasting the last Lil' Ceasar's in the country, even the world! The great Roman Emperor would turn in his grave to know that his ingenious idea of human advertisement on York Road may soon come to an end. Et tu, Papa John?



Popzao No More -- We use text messages for everything: communicating in class, avoiding in-depth conversations, and voting on American Idol (though not for Clay Aiken), but for breaking up the greatest power-duo of all time, K-Fed and Brit? Isn't that a job for someone like Angelina Jolie? We only hope the lyrical genius can transform this experience into another masterful album, maybe grabbing some help (and a duet?) from fellow heartbroken heartthrob Nick Lachey?

Red State Revolt -- Foley stepped down, Rumsfeld stepped down, maybe it's time for the military to step down in Iraq. And to think, all it took for a little change was a sex scandal, an un-winnable war, an un-natural disaster, and most importantly, constant berating from Thumbs!

School of Americas -- How can we fight a war on terrorism abroad when we continue to teach terrorists at home? Countless war criminals got their education in good ol' Georgia, home of peaches, southern belles, and state-of-the-art torture techniques. This weekend, you can join a group of Loyola students to pay a visit to the institution where modern terrorism starts, and maybe help bring about its end.

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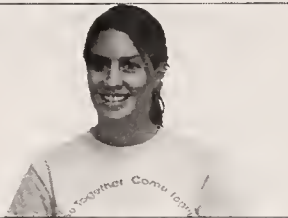
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Modern technology: Texting our lives away

iPod? Check. Natty Light? Check. Sitting at the computer I'm ready to type this column, except I've forgotten my notebook

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SLIVIN' ON THE EDGE

in my dorm room. I'm in the computer lab and my apartment is approximately 100 steps away. Not that I mind the exercise, but for some reason I choose to text message my roommate to bring the notebook with her whenever she comes over here. By the time she arrives, enough time had passed that I could have walked back and forth to my room and few times.

Wasting time before she came, Facebook was my natural instinct. I exchanged flight information via wall post with a girl I'll be

visiting in San Diego. We've been Facebook-ing back and forth for the past few days. I haven't seen her in a year and haven't spoken to her in months because we can just Facebook.com each other any important details in our lives.

My sister is addicted to her blackberry. Her crackberry. She e-mails on it while she drives instead of talking to my mother and I.

Are you seeing the trend yet? Technology is killing communication. What happened to the days when staying up late chatting was the best thing in the world? Now everyone is huddled around the eerie glow of their laptops. Alone. Talking on AIM or stalking on Facebook. I am momentarily an exception because my laptop is broken. Even with that obstacle I manage to burn plenty of time in this computer lab surfing nonsense Web sites. Then I complain that I never see my friends that live in Gallagher.

It's like those people that listen to their iPod walking to class. Okay, maybe there is a song that you were just dying to hear. But beyond that, what? You simply can't

function unless you listen to music in the morning? Most likely, you are just avoiding small talk with your classmates. It's the same thing as making unnecessary phone calls on that walk. I'm guilty of that. Next time you see me doing it, call me out on it. It'll be a good conversation starter if nothing else. Really though, it's those little conversations that make up friendships. Sharing something funny, embarrassing, or some lame comment about the weather; we need that.

A friend once told me that she didn't like being a slave to her phone and so for days at a time she would turn it off and leave it at home. Sounds like nothing, but that's a brave step -- and a healthy one, too. Shutting yourself off from the noise and disruption of technology and opening yourself to potential conversation or at least some quiet time to yourself.

Language was invented because of our desire to connect with each other. Words are just sounds some dude made up a long time ago. Intangible -- they are nothing at all but essential because of the connection

it creates between people.

Communicating through the internet or on phones is also a connection, but it isn't a substitute for talking in person. Seeing a facial expression, the look in someone's eyes as he or she processes your words, and their body language as they think of what to say next -- it's all being lost. Human instinct is to interact with each other, but it's slowly being phased out. Instead of technological advances manipulating us, use them at your convenience and discretion. Seeing your friends laugh, watching their eyes tear up, and then hearing that snort is just not equivalent to "haha" on a text message.

I'll conclude with a quote from a film called "Waking Life," a personal favorite of mine. In today's world, it couldn't be more pertinent:

"And yet, you know, when we communicate with one another, and we -- we feel that we have connected, and we think that we're understood, I think we have a feeling of almost spiritual communion. And that feeling might be transient, but I think it's what we live for."

"Money" Fillmore vs. the Real George W.

Last Saturday, while watching one Joseph Dobbins dance atop a bar, I thought to myself, "Now there's a great living

MIKE CALABRESE

American." After I returned home, I began to think of other great Americans. From Zack Morris to Paul Giamatti, the United States has produced many over the years. But how about our leading man, the president? Who

was the best? Whose pocket veto was the mightiest? Who knew just when to start a war to cover up a scandal? Who would I want to party with? Well, I've cracked open the history book and found my man... Millard Fillmore.

Millard, or "Money," to his close friends, was the 13th president of the United States.

Fillmore Gerald Forded his way to the top, having never actually been voted into the presidency. Zachary Taylor died of

gastroenteritis (reportedly from a Salsa Rico burrito) and Fillmore leap-frogged his way into office. Fillmore wasted little time making major decisions. He admitted California to the country as a free state. Without Fillmore's decision the United States would have been without the O.C., L.A. smog, and the O.J. Simpson car chase.

But who was Millard, the man, you ask? Well, he was a sharp dressed man for starters. He was a haberdasher prior to holding political office, and knew his way around a nice suit. He installed the first bathtub in the White House so he new how to relax. He was also a renowned ladies man, having two wives in his day, in addition to many mistresses.

And when it came down to cutting a rug out on the dance floor, Old Money had that on lock-down as well.

He was the creator of many trendy dance moves, including "The Filly Shoulda Lean," "The Whig Bump," and after a Mexico-United States convention in 1852 he was credited with the "Millard Mombo."

But sadly, he was a short-lived president, unable to secure re-election with the Know Nothing Party in 1854. Luckily, this party continues on without Fillmore, as their principles are utilized with the current Bush administration.

So next time you're chillin' in the bathtub or enjoying a nice LA reality show, be sure to thank our greatest US president.

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At present, since we're picking preferred presidents, I think we need to start with the president who set the precedent (sorry, I couldn't help myself).

We all know you never forget your first, and it would be hard for George Washington to ever be surpassed as the coolest president to ever grace our nation (despite the efforts of more recent George W's). Let's make a quick run-down of his résumé, shall we? The man dominated the French in the French-Indian War -- awesome. He then became commander-in-

chief of the rebel army during the Revolution and repeatedly pulled off miraculous escapes from enemy strongholds with under-trained troops in unimaginable circumstances.

Pretty praise-worthy. Aside from the fact that his tactics almost singularly led to the ultimate defeat of the British through huge losses at Saratoga and Yorktown, he wasn't calling the shots from afar. Oh no, not Georgie-boy. Just like in the Whiskey Rebellion years later, the father of America was on the frontlines fighting alongside the musket-bearing yokels. How's that for chutzpah?

And of course, the story doesn't end there. After the war, Washington refused to crown himself king (which a large plurality of the country was calling for) and even relinquished control of the military.

After becoming (most probably) the only unanimously elected president, he then proceeded to

set the standard for everything: each president only serves a maximum of two consecutive terms up until FDR, he constructs the make-up of the executive cabinet, and even the title "Mr. President" was his idea.

So basically, Washington was able to seize almost every form of power imaginable in a new country, give it all away, get it back, mold it, and pass it on.

You want more?

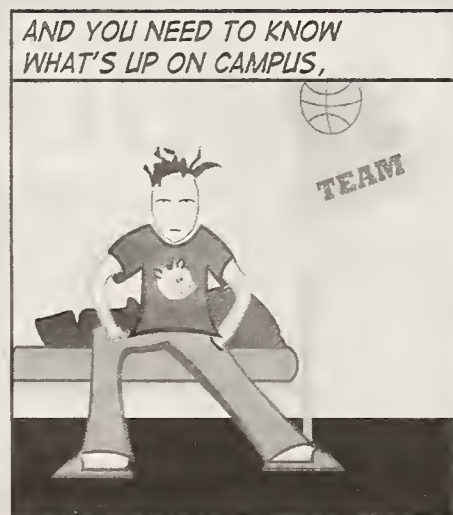
How about the wealth of legends surrounding his name? He couldn't lie about the cherry tree, threw a rock across the Potomac River, had wooden teeth, and taught Chuck Norris how to roundhouse kick.

But here's something you may not have heard -- President Washington was a hunky piece of man meat.

At least that's what the latest in wax-figure recreation technology from Mount Vernon has told us.

So ladies, if becoming the figurehead of the country that would eventually consider itself the harbinger of democracy doesn't quite blow your hair back, just wait until they cast Brad Pitt in the leading role for GW's biopic.

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Bush press conference shows realistic view

Currently, the country is experiencing a very dull presidency. While this sounds rather upsetting, it is actually quite normal for a president in the final two years of his

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(or her, one day?) second term. Despite dropped ratings, a murky mess of a war, and political reforms being lazily addressed, it seems that President Bush is just hanging out. Time Magazine recently referred to Bush as "The Lone Ranger," and now, a week after mid-term elections, this is especially true, with the new Democratic majority picking out their new curtains and making themselves at home in Congress. Where will our Commander in Chief go from here?

I managed to catch his press conference last Wednesday, and some things struck me as worthy of address. Obviously, the top issue was the resignation of Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld. Upon approaching the subject, Bush physically appeared rather resentful of the decision and rightfully so. The mess in Iraq is now fully in his and Condoleezza Rice's hands. Furthermore, our president was also caught off guard; mere weeks ago he told Reuters and AP reporters that Rumsfeld was secure in his job and would remain in his position until the end of Bush's second term. So much for that. However, it seems to me that this is a step in the right direction. Rumsfeld

had been Bush's longest-serving cabinet member. Furthermore, the *Army Times*, the *Navy Times*, and even John McCain voiced a loss of confidence in Rummy and his policies. It was an appropriate gesture, a sacrifice, it seems, given the fact that the House and Senate are (finally) in control of the Democrats.

Speaking of Democratic control, let's give a warm welcome to Nancy Pelosi, our potentially new House Speaker. Bush commented during his press conference that he was looking forward to "working

with her and her colleagues to find common ground in the next two years." Everyone on Capitol Hill, and hopefully throughout the country,

as well, should be watching this relationship closely. Pelosi has gone on record calling Bush "incompetent," among a few other things, and the common ground that they seek will obviously be hard to find. While the scuffles between them may be entertaining to watch, the Americans have clearly spoken, and Bush acknowledged this as well; Americans want an adept, balanced,

and active government. Stubborn stalemating and bickering will not suffice anymore. Pelosi and Bush must be civil and must work hard to make the next two years at least semi-productive.

No press conference by Bush would be complete without a reminder that he still is truly committed to protecting his people, hence the invasion of Iraq. He voiced his interest in hearing the findings of the bipartisan Iraq Study Group, but would not even mention the word "reform," especially not in the context of the strategy of this

war. While he did mention that the voters voiced their displeasure by the apparent lack of progress in Iraq, Bush continued to drill in our heads that "we cannot accept defeat." This is true, Mr. President. But

will we ever be able to accept "victory," whatever that means, at this point? Maybe our new Democratic majority can answer that question.

Overall, Bush gave a very interesting speech. It was rather enlightening to watch his reaction to something unfolding right in front of him -- something he didn't like, no less. Personally, I think that he must be ready

for an overwhelming amount of reforms to surface, such as significantly raising the minimum wage, cutting interest rates on student loans, increasing stem cell research, and rolling back tax cuts. The President kept mentioning that he hopes to find "common ground," but never gave a clear answer as to what his position is on these socially crucial issues.

It is clear that the people have spoken in support of these and other reforms, and Bush needs to realize that he is somewhat defeated at this point.

The winds of change are rapidly blowing, and this country will not stand for anything less than finding "common ground" and a "new direction" and making positive

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Mass a time for prayer; Save idle chat for other times

As one who usually frequents the 9:00 p.m. mass on Sundays, I was a bit surprised when I decided to try the 6:00 p.m. mass

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again this year. From what I could remember, I had always enjoyed the large congregation, convenient hour, and superb musical accompaniment present at the 6:00 p.m. mass. Apparently, I had performed a rather Freudian job on my memory because I could not remember why it was that I stopped going. To my chagrin, I managed to recall the reason:

I arrived at the chapel a few minutes early because I like to pray on my own before the communal prayer of the mass starts. I was dismayed at the oppressive amount of noise inside the chapel before the beginning of Mass. It seemed that everywhere I looked, people in the pews and elsewhere were not whispering, not sharing a joke or two, but chatting, having continuous conversations complete with gestures and laughing out loud. Again, what I observed was not just a few people, but everyone, it seemed, except a few. And this is really where my heart went out. I also observed a select few who were legitimately trying to pray in the midst of it all. One of them had even resorted to saying the rosary aloud because this person could not silently follow the progression of the prayers. I was able to identify with these unfortunate persons whose prayer was being obstructed by a din of ceaseless noise.

Suppose a person uses the time before the mass to pray. Suppose the person is trying as honestly and earnestly as she can to pray (and assume that prayer is not a one sided communication). How is anyone

supposed to offer the intentions of their hearts to the Lord and then listen for what He has to tell them individually if that same one cannot even concentrate due to all the noise? Is it right that we, by following our own notions to shoot the breeze with our neighbors, complicate others' efforts to pray to their God?

The church is a sacred space. The rest of the world is the space for noise. The reason we have churches is because what goes on inside them is special; different from what is done in the outside world.

Some may be tempted to tolerate the noise in the interest of community. While jovial socialization is a sure sign that at least the people aren't angry with each other at mass, I am not sure it creates the particular atmosphere of community that we strive for here at Loyola. We have every other hour in every other day of the week to build a community with others in our lives. The particular hour of the mass, however, is when God comes down again for us by way of the Eucharist. This is as serious as it gets. This is the real, visible presence of God in the world. Anyone would agree that if you do indeed believe that you are going to encounter the Living God in this time (which it is assumed you do if you have come to Mass), then it is irreverent to compose oneself in a way that suggests that nothing special is going to happen.

I am not worried about myself, and I do not make this point on my own behalf. I am well aware that there are plenty of opportunities throughout my week for me to pray in as much silence as I like. Rather, I am concerned about those who have not chosen to undertake a personal private prayer life, or who may be using the time before mass to begin one. It's not fair for anyone to obstruct another who is trying to build a relationship with God. One should not need the focusing ability of a Buddhist monk to pray in church, but then again, the way they achieve their elevated states of being is through silent meditation.

Loyola police needs to put student safety first

I am writing in response to Loyola's recent decision to employ armed members of the Baltimore City Police Department.

In light of the alarming increase in the number of assaults and muggings around campus in the past few months, combined with the more recent increase of incidences of theft and breaking-and-entering in Gallagher, the issue of police presence at Loyola is one that is well-deserving of the large amount of attention it has received this fall.

This December will mark the end of my fifth semester at Loyola, and since I have been here, I can say with confidence that the safety of Loyola students is always an issue that the College has placed on the top of its list of priorities. From the tighter security measures recently installed to restrict the free movement in and out of Loyola residence halls, to the College's decision this summer to forbid Loyola students from living in Gallagher starting next fall as a consequence of the landlord's failure to comply with fire codes, Loyola's administration and Department of Public Safety have been very proactive about promoting the safety and welfare of students.

However, the College's recent decision to employ armed members of the Baltimore City Police Department in order to deter the number of incidences of theft, assault, and mugging on campus is a decision that I believe is rash and premature.

On the night of Saturday, Oct. 21, at approximately 12:00 a.m., three underage Loyola students who wish to remain anonymous received citations from campus police for attempting to bring a 30-pack of beer into the Newman Towers Residence Hall.

The students were initially stopped by a non-student employee of Student Life as they were walking toward the residence hall with the beer, and after they were initially questioned, the employee of Student Life called for campus police in order to issue the students citations. When she called for

campus police, four officers in two campus police vehicles came racing to the scene, all too eager for the opportunity to write up three students who, at their judicial hearings, were found to be sober and compliant. The following Monday, Incident Alert e-mails marked "Urgent!" by Director of Public Safety Tim Fox appeared in every student's GroupWise mailbox informing the college community that an off campus burglary took place in the Gallagher Park community at about the same time that night.

Put two and two together and you will find that while four campus police officers in two campus police vehicles were being utilized to issue minor alcohol citations to three sober, compliant students, a robbery was occurring on the other side of campus undisturbed.

This is only one incident in a whole laundry list of occurrences in which campus police have used excessive resources in incidents unrelated to the safety and protection of students.

While the hiring of armed BCPD officers may yet prove to be an effective means at deterring crime in and around Loyola, the Department of Public Safety needs to take a close look at incidents like these and make some changes.

Before resorting to the presence of armed officers among Loyola students in order to ensure the safety of the college community, Loyola should first and foremost look to examine and refocus the attention of Loyola Campus Police Officers toward the more serious task of securing the safety and well-being of students rather than eagerly embarking on impractical crusades to issue alcohol citations.

Jeff Basting '08
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On the Quad

Who do you think will win the FFC, and why?

By Alexandra Dykhous



"Obviously the freshman are 'cuz we kick butt and have awesome coaches."

Molly Harrington '10
Undecided



"'09 is gonna win 'cuz Josh Jones is bigger than the whole class."

Justin White '08
Sociology



"Seniors, 'cuz we got the prescription."

Bridget McKeogh '07
Classical Civilizations



"God-- 'cuz God always wins."

Tom Saporito '08
Theater and Philosophy



"The Seniors 'cuz senior number 07 on the girls team is our roommate and did real well; she is also very attractive."

Claire Hoffman, '07, Communications
and **Cathy Newman, '07, Biology**

Do you want to be in "On The Quad?" Look for Alexandra Dykhous on the quad, Friday afternoons.

Virginia: America's purple state

I hate my state of Virginia.
Northern Virginia, I love.

CAROLINARODRIGUEZ

Yes, I know Virginia is a southern state, but I don't consider myself to be from the South. If someone asks me where I am from and they are not from the D.C. area, I tell them "Just outside D.C." This isn't a lie, exactly, but it separates me from my home state.

Why do I separate myself? Because Virginia is a red state, and I am a mostly blue thinker. Also, I need to make it clear to everyone that Northern Virginia is demographically very different from the rest of the state.

As I am sure you have heard, both houses of Congress are now under Democratic control for the first time in a long time, no small thanks to the result in Virginia. The Democrat, Jim Webb, won by a hair.

In the same election, the state for lovers voted to ban same-sex marriages and civil unions by a vote of about 60 percent to 40 percent. They should change the slogan to "Virginia is for Heterosexual Lovers" or "Virginia is for Homophobes." I mean, really. I thought that since Webb was going to win, the ban would not go through. Obviously that was a little too optimistic of

me.

Let's talk about the exclusive institution of marriage for a minute. Let's talk about how some of those against equal marriage rights argue that same-sex marriage would be a mockery of marriage. What they conveniently forget to mention is that heterosexual marriages in the U.S. do not always work out. It's pretty much common knowledge that about 50 percent of heterosexual marriages in this country end in divorce. Then we've got the higher frequency of quick marriages and divorces in the celebrity realm. That is what I call a mockery of marriage: quick Las-Vegas-24-hour-chapel style weddings and later calling the divorce lawyer. Denying those in love from legally committing themselves to one another simply because there are people who do not like it is not going to minimize the current mockery of marriage. All it will do is institutionalize some people's uncomfortable feelings which lead to prejudice and hate.

Moving on. The Republican Party has been so focused on war and searching for the ever-elusive terrorists, none of which will ever be found, that red Virginians have felt so neglected that they voted outside party lines. They were sick and tired enough of their party to vote for the new Democrat.

But they're used to being Republican; they aren't liberal, they're just angry; they're just testing the liberal waters. They weren't quite courageous enough to vote against a same-sex marriage ban.

So, if not liberal ideology, what were Webb's keys to victory? One major factor was demographic differences between Northern and Southern Virginia. The part of Virginia that is inside the beltway is a diverse area with a growing population. I'm not saying it is on par with San Francisco in terms of liberalism, but it isn't Bible Belt, U.S.A., either.

I completely agreed with the chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors when he said "the wrath of Northern Virginia can make Virginia purple," as quoted in Friday's Washington Post article entitled "After two Decades in Ascent, A Stunning Breakdown." I know that Northern Virginia is a growing population of left of center moderates with a growing influence because of their numbers.

The fact is that Virginia is a southern, conservative, red state. Voters are willing to try out a new Senator but not to compromise "family values," as I am certain some people would say.

Well, personally, I like this new, nationwide turn for the blue. And did I mention purple is my favorite color?



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“Year in the Field” brings farm life to our city campus

BY DAN CORRIGAN
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Dan Schlapbach spent his “year in the field” rather literally, it seems. The results of his sabbatical last year are now on display at the Julio Art Gallery, and might just be enough to encourage some to start their own vegetable gardens. The appropriately titled exhibition, “A Year in the Field,” opened on Nov. 2, and features 66 photos created at a farmer’s market and on independent farms throughout southern Indiana.

The exhibition exerts an unusual force when one enters the gallery space. Immediately, the denseness of the color and light enclosed in the picture frames seems to fill the room and surround the viewer. It takes a moment to reorient oneself and begin looking at the photos one by one, but even after one does this they still wield an impressive collective force and interact with one another energetically.

The smaller photos depict people doing many aspects of farm work: harvesting, grouping produce, or setting up displays at farmer’s markets. They encompass quite a range of activity, and are well juxtaposed against the larger portrait shots that punctuate the exhibition as one walks through. The particular emphasis of each photo varies. Some capture with

great nuance people’s attitudes while they work, while others focus in upon the act of working itself; several zoom in upon hands while they sort or tie up produce. Still others give great attention to the crops themselves. One particularly interesting photograph features a row of seedbeds with dots of green moving back in perspective as they are bathed in a halogen glow.

The compositions of these photos reveal a refined sensibility, and all are very deliberately cropped. Schlapbach’s clear identification with his subjects surfaces through all of it. He describes in his artist’s statement how he worked on farms in Indiana for five years, and says that he was “so enamored with the process that [he] seriously entertained the possibility of farming.” It is likely that this affinity is what allowed him to capture the sense of community present at the farmer’s market.

The market itself is a kind of nexus for the exhibition. People buy and sell vegetables and flowers, converse with one another, and even dance to a local band in several photos. The smaller shots are candid, both in a technical and emotional sense. The total effect establishes a remarkable feeling of place: southern Indiana must be often

inundated with sunlight, have a violet tinge to it close to sunrise, and experience its share of hazy days throughout the year. The people smile and mingle with each other while sharing the caches they have harvested out of the earth.

There are a good number of large portraits interspersed around the gallery space as well. As mentioned, they counterpoint the other photos neatly. Where the other works featured people moving and working or pondered the crops themselves, these shots feature people standing still and posing for the camera, often holding their products or purchases.

Schlapbach used a large white sheet as backdrop, but rather than let the background be subsumed by a plain white, he found more interesting ways to make use of it. In most examples, the edges of the sheet are visible and so the subjects are framed by color on at least two sides. This also emphasizes the documentary nature of the photos, which places the expressions of the subjects into a unique context.

The people themselves represent a broad spectrum: some quite young, others well advanced in years, some farmers there to sell their produce, and middle-aged couples buying vegetables for the week. In one of the most affecting portrait photos on display, an elderly man in rainbow-striped

suspenders and a baseball cap poses timidly with an ambiguous expression on his face.

“A Year in the Field” displays a good deal of sensitivity on all fronts, and feels like a refreshingly earthy nook in the midst of our urban campus. The exhibition will

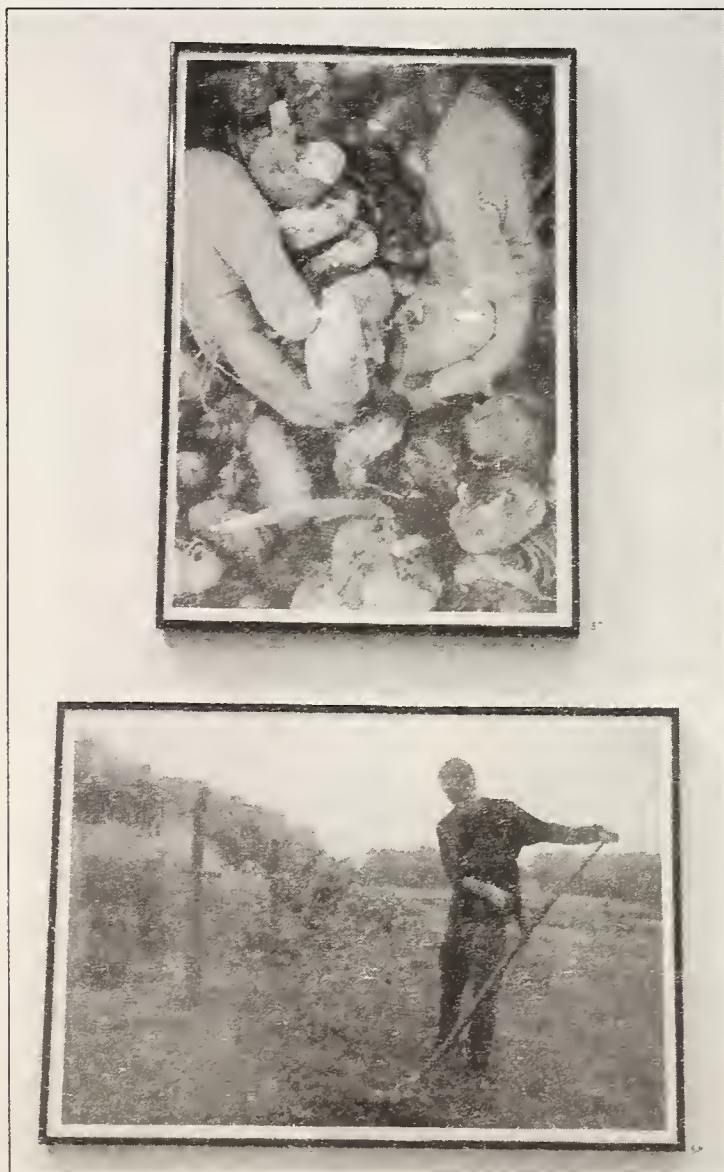
be on display through Dec. 8. The Julio Art Gallery is located in the fine arts wing of the Dechiaro College Center. The Gallery is open from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, and is open on Sunday from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.



“A Year in the Field” consists of both candid and staged shots. In a number of the 66 photographs on display, a plain white backdrop is used to emphasize the documentary nature of the exhibit.



ALL PHOTOS ALEXANDRA DYKHOUSE/GREYHOUND



Dan Schlapbach’s photography exhibition, “A Year in the Field,” is currently on display in the Julio Art Gallery. Schlapbach took a year-long sabbatical and photographed farmers’ markets throughout southern Indiana.



Batman shows the face of a villain in "Harsh Times"

BY LAILA HANSON
STAFF WRITER

I've never really been partial to gritty action movies. Most tend to be the same thing to me -- bloody and loud with conventional scenes. Suspense accompanies so many of them that suspense itself becomes predictable. This sentiment followed me when speaking with Christian Bale in a college conference call about his new movie, "Harsh Times." After the call and seeing the movie, though, my view on this type of movie changed drastically.

Centering on the character of an ex-army Ranger, Jim Davis (Christian Bale), "Harsh Times" reflects a story of loyalty and hope with the backdrop of the rough streets of Los Angeles. Jim returns home after his



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In the film, Bale plays an ex-army ranger who struggles to find peace after a rough military career. Bale displays his acting range, showing he can go from tender-hearted Bruce Wayne to what Bale himself describes as "a real prick."

days in the army and struggles to forget the haunting memories of the battlefield while trying to secure a job. Soon, though, as a coping mechanism, he reverts back to his teenager days of hanging with his buddy Mike (Freddy Rodriguez), wrecking havoc and disappointing his fiancée (Tammy Trull) while Mike lies to his own girlfriend (Eva Longoria) about looking for a job. The two cruise around in Jim's car, drinking, smoking, and breaking laws. The movie is primarily a story of a mixture of Mexican-American culture and awakening.

The movie shot down most preconceived notions of action movies I had. It had a lot of blood and gore, sure, but it was also a strongly emotional piece. Even though it is not completely clear throughout the movie, it seemed that Bale's character was going through post traumatic stress disorder a lot of the time. He was a psycho at times, a guy who instilled fear in his own friends and lover. Christian Bale mentioned that this was what he liked this about the character, though, "Jim's a shark, a real prick, but I like him, mentally, in spite of himself. He's somebody with substance and heart. The piece has great momentum; it's kind of like a roller coaster ride, much like a shark in that sense too."

Both of the main characters had strong L.A. accents. At first, they almost sounded fake, but they were easy to get used to. This added immensely to the effectiveness of the movie. Christian Bale talked about the preparation of this part of the role, "Jim's a sort of shape shifter, but there's value in his talent as a soldier. And then the whole, body language and verbal language of the character, living and breathing the role as a whole. I lived in L.A. for a long time, and L.A. if you've been there is like a lot of towns right next to each other, you see things, you meet people, but I've never really been a part of the Chicano culture that I had to immerse myself in for this role."

Jim's character was bilingual; his girlfriend in the movie actually lived in Mexico when he commuted back and forth from L.A., searching for jobs, or pretending to, with



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Christian Bale's badass character in "Harsh Times" is the reason why "Six Feet Under's" Freddy Rodriguez starts going down the wrong path. The movie not only has more than its fair share of gore, but also involves deep levels of emotions and psychological drama.

Mike. The filming of the movie was done in both places. "We did a lot of the filming in East L.A., and then spent four or so days in this little town in Mexico. There was this generous family that helped us out there, gave us their house to film. There's something about shooting on location that adds to the authenticity of it all. There was this one scene, for example, a sort of fiesta scene. It involved the whole town, and it was just like we were having this huge party and just happened to be filming a scene in the middle of it all with a hand held camcorder."

The fiesta scene that Bale mentioned was one of the most intense of the movie. In it, Jim's girlfriend tells him that she is pregnant. This causes Jim to freak out uncontrollably. He is put into a psycho-killer trance, with images from his army ranger days flashing across the screen, blurring his vision. He threatens to kill her, and almost does before

he is shaken out of his trance by Mike. He later does the same sort of thing with Mike.

Overall, the movie did not really have many turning points. It was more a movie about the mental state of Jim Davis than a movie with much plot. This probably made the movie more powerful though, definitely a thrilling bit of filmmaking. It is obvious that Bale was completely immersed in the character's psychological state, and it had a positive effect on the appeal of the movie. If you like action or thriller movies, this is a great one to invest in.

Even if you hate that type of movie, "Harsh Times" is worth the watch. It explores a new type of action movie, one with a lot of emotion and mentality involved. In Christian Bale's words, "It's a multi-layered movie, with a very interesting character. It's kind of in your face filmmaking -- if you can't handle it, you don't belong there."

Pitt, Blanchett make "Babel" an Oscar front-runner

BY JASON PALMER
THE LANTERN (OHIO STATE U.)

"Babel" is a story told in English, Spanish, Arabic, Japanese and sign language, but it brings to mind the most German of words: Weltschmerz. A losing word in this year's National Spelling Bee, weltschmerz refers to the dissatisfaction that comes from viewing the world as it exists in comparison to the way it should be.

The third major film by director Alejandro Gonzalez Inarritu, "Babel," is a tale about the tragic consequences people face following an inability or unwillingness to communicate with one another.

The stories in the movie take place in Morocco, San Diego, Mexico and Japan. In Morocco, two young boys are playing with their father's gun and seeing how far the bullets go.

Unfortunately, one bullet goes as far as a nearby tour bus, hitting American tourist Susan Jones (Cate Blanchett). The bus stops and Susan's husband Richard (Brad Pitt) frantically tries to figure out what to do. After a moment of chaos, the group decides to go to a nearby town where medical care can be reached, but the town's only doctor is a veterinarian.

Back home in San Diego, the Jones' children are watched by the family's Mexican housekeeper, Amelia (Adriana Barraza). Amelia has to attend her son's wedding in Mexico, but there is no one to



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Told in four different languages, and signed in another, "Babel" shows life and tragedy across many views, and the consequences of miscommunication. Brad Pitt and Cate Blanchett star in the feature, putting their vast acting abilities on display. The film should be up for several Oscars, including a 'Best Actor' nomination for Pitt.

watch the kids. So, she decides to bring the kids across the border. Obviously, there is no problem getting into Mexico, but there is a problem getting out.

The final story seems to have only a symbolic connection to the rest of the movie, but a literal connection is revealed late in the film. It involves a deaf Japanese teenage girl named Chieko (Rinko Kikuchi)

who has to deal with a dead mother, a distant father and the persecution of her peers.

All this information can be gleaned from the trailer, but there is no way to anticipate the sheer force of filmmaking Inarritu brings to the screen. By telling the story in a nonlinear manner, as he has in past films, he provides climaxes at several points in the film.

One of the most powerful scenes in the film -- of many -- involves Chieko's experience at a dance club. She walks in, and the audience sees the club through her eyes, and hears it -- or rather does not hear it -- through her ears. Though the strobe lights might induce seizures in several audience members, those left conscious are given a one-of-a-kind experience.

The film's only flaw is it asks plenty of questions, but never answers any of them. But this flaw is only minor, because as French literary critic Roland Barthes once said, "Literature is the question minus the answer."

Perhaps the biggest surprise in the film is Brad Pitt's performance as Richard Jones. Not because of its strength, but because he finally looks his age. With gray hair and a visibly aged face, Pitt moves through a slew of emotions while retaining the strength his wife needs to get through her injury. In "Babel," Pitt has firmly positioned himself as the front-runner for an Oscar.

Aside from Pitt, "Babel" is a shoo-in for at least three other nominations -- best picture, best director and best screenplay -- and should be in the running for plenty of those fake technical awards that made "The Return of the King" get so many Oscars without winning any for acting.

So say good-bye to "The Departed," close the curtain on "Little Miss Sunshine" and escribe en (write in) "Babel" as the best film of the year so far.

"Stranger Than Fiction" succeeds as thinking man's "Click"

By MARK MITCHELL
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A fellow film student once advanced to me the theory that all modern directors, even the most acclaimed, suffer from what he referred to as "Spielberg Sickness." They may be fairly visionary and instinctively natural filmmakers, but they all are waging a battle against their inner hack.

But where Steven Spielberg is occasionally losing to the hack's attacks of maudlinism and sentimentality--see the end

of "Minority Report" or every eye-bleeding frame of "The Terminal"--most have long ago ceded the battle.

What, then, to make of director Marc Forster? His films have been either saccharine bits that, albeit enjoyable, require insulin after viewing ("Finding Neverland"); ham-fisted, though well-meaning, race films ("Monster's Ball"); dreadful thrillers ("Stay") or frightening mixtures of all three ("Everything Put Together").

Forster's latest, "Stranger Than Fiction," finds him walking the line of fire between hack and hero, yet again, only this time, with more tolerable results.

Harold Crick (Will Ferrell) is an IRS auditor who begins hearing a voice-over narration in his head covering every aspect of his daily life, from the number of strokes he uses to brush his teeth to the way he places his watch on the nightstand before sleep. He panics when he realizes that the voice belongs to an eccentric, reclusive novelist (Emma Thompson) whose trademark is killing off her protagonists: He worries he's next.

We fear in the beginning that Ferrell will resort, yet again, to just general mugging for the camera in lieu of building any semblance of actual character. Whenever Harold is on screen in these early moments, grocery and to-do lists suddenly grow longer.

But something strange happens as the film wears on: He actually, dare I say it, begins to act. Those anticipating the patented Will Ferrell tomfoolery will no doubt be



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Will Ferrell hears voices in his head ... as character Harold Crick in the film "Stranger than Fiction." The voice in his head comes from a novelist known for killing off her main characters (Emma Thompson). Ferrell, used to playing lousy roles in comedies, actually gets a chance to act in "Stranger."

disappointed. The rest of us can breathe a sigh of relief.

The film's tone swings violently from one extreme to another. This balance between comedy and tragedy is a defining theme of the film. But unlike other explorations of life's dichotomy, such as Woody Allen's forgettable "Melinda and Melinda" (also starring Ferrell), and despite a few dangerous missteps of its own, "Stranger Than Fiction" manages to generally pull it off. I was expecting to find the film funny; I had not anticipated that it would be touching.

Stories constructed in this fashion inevitably box themselves into a corner, and it takes great creative dexterity to aptly resolve them. I'm not sure the solution presented here is entirely satisfactory; some

will undoubtedly feel cheated, others will accept it. But either way, the upshot does provide something to chew on afterward.

When Charlie Kaufman and Spike Jonze's "Adaptation" came out, I heard people talking about it in terms that were supposed to be glowing, but which sounded pretty damning to me: "It really plays with narrative," they'd say blankly. "Stranger Than Fiction" sounds like Forster's entry into the meta-realm of Kaufman, but it is more akin to a thinking man's "Click."

But that's not to slight the film with faint praise. Nothing in "Stranger Than Fiction" is cookie cutter or formula-driven. It's predictable in short spans, but not in an overall sense. It's more intelligent than what we usually get from the studios. The visuals may be playful, but the emotions are not.



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Dustin Hoffman tries to help Ferrell's character in this emotional and hilarious film.

Damien Rice explores new realms, reaches same success

By CHRIS DILLON
MUSIC CRITIC

Damien Rice - 9
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★★★★ 1/2 (out of 5)

This week, Ireland's most acclaimed folk singer, Damien Rice releases the album 9, his follow-up to the hugely successful O. 9 seeks to further establish the Shortlist Music Prize winner as one of the best artists of the new millennium. Rice's heartfelt folk songs have been featured in episodes of TV's *Lost*, and in the film "Closer."

9 recreates both the intimacy and emotional intensity found on O. Damien Rice's entire band has returned for the album, including cellist Vyvienne Long who plays a smaller though still significant role on 9. Band member, Lisa Hannigan, who shares singing duties on many of the songs, makes a larger contribution on the album than she did on O.

Rice has often been seen as an artist whom people either love or hate. The overly-personal nature of his songs can be off-putting at times. Through his lyrics Rice frequently details incredibly beautiful moments recounted from past loves, but he is never afraid to delve into the darker side of betrayal, heartbreak, and desertion.

In the period between his two albums Rice released a handful of songs for various charities as well as making guest appearances on albums by Herbie Hancock and Tori Amos. During this period one could see Rice beginning to explore writing songs centered on a piano melody rather than guitar. This becomes even more apparent on the first track and single "9 Crimes" which opens with a simple melancholic

piano riff. Hannigan opens the song singing in her sultry alto through the first chorus before Rice enters nearly whispering his lyrics of desperation. The two progress to singing back and forth building the song's volume and intensity toward its climax.

Slated to be the second single off 9 is "Rootless Tree" which opens with Rice plucking a tender and complex pattern on his acoustic guitar before it explodes in an electric chorus of Rice screaming expletives and begging for release. Luckily the emphasis is less on the exact words he is using and more on the contrast between the verse and chorus. This seems to be an example of one of Rice's weaknesses as a songwriter.

One cannot deny his incredible sense of melody in structuring songs, and his proficiency on guitar. Rice's voice has always been one of his most noticeable characteristics with its slight sense of an Irish accent along with his fearless vocal range. Yet, Rice often falls back on simple rhymes and metaphors allowing his ability to take a song's emotional levels into uncharted territory to compensate for his short-comings as a lyricist.

Other notable songs off 9 are: "Elephant", originally titled Blower's Daughter part 2 because of its nearly identical chord progression. "Dogs" is clearly the album's most positive track; a beautiful and simple acoustic guitar rhythm sets the stage for Rice to sing his happy love story. After the last track is finished one may notice about 14 minutes of a Tibetan singing bowl being played; an instrument with mythical healing powers. Damien Rice will be touring the U.S. with his band through December making a stop in Washington D.C. at the Lincoln Theatre on Saturday, Dec. 16.



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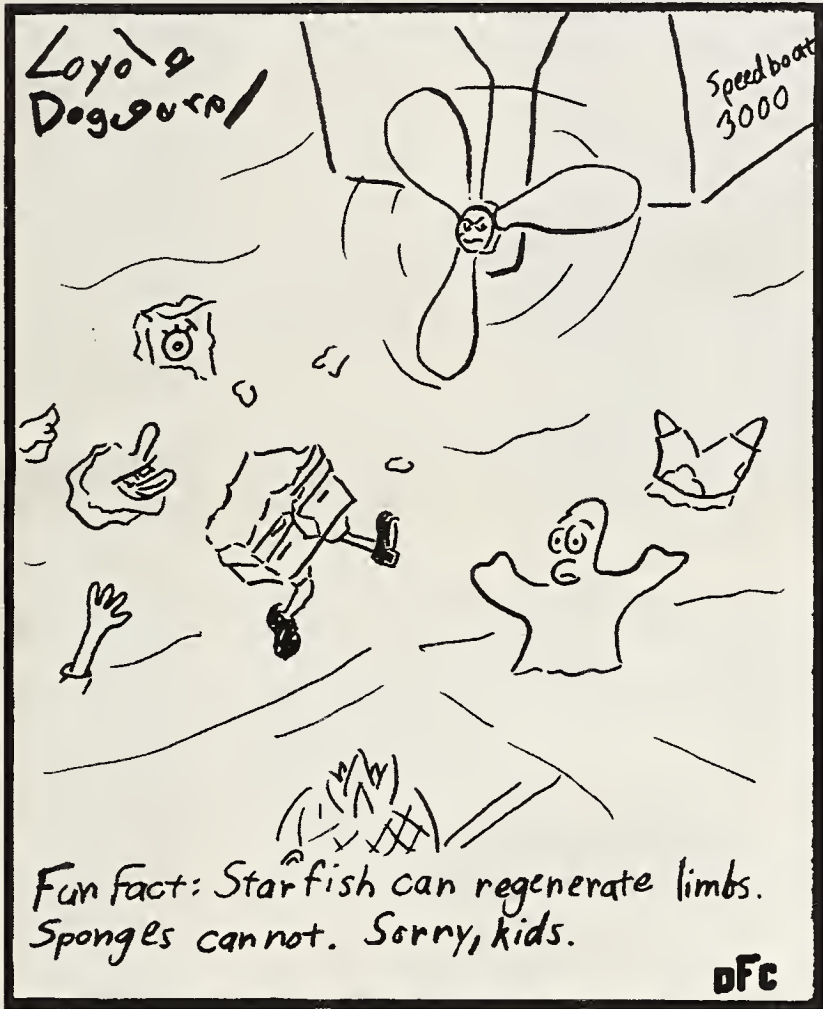
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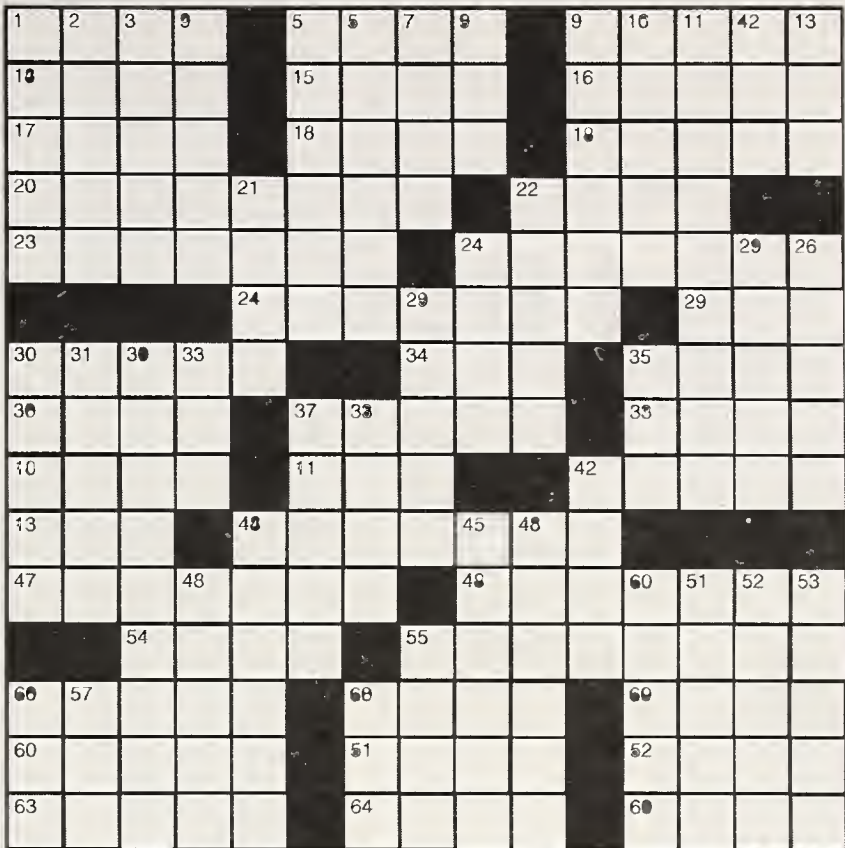
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Fun Fact: Starfish can regenerate limbs. Sponges cannot. Sorry, kids.

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- ACROSS
- 1 Clashes
 - 5 Former Russian leader
 - 9 Supreme happiness
 - 14 Border on
 - 15 New Haven school
 - 16 Too weird
 - 17 Soft drink
 - 18 Football infraction
 - 19 Indistinct
 - 20 Chesterfield or dolman
 - 22 Surpasses
 - 23 Sleeping chamber
 - 24 Vessel armed for combat
 - 27 Give life to
 - 29 ___ Lanka
 - 30 Standard of perfection
 - 34 ETO commander
 - 35 Etc.'s cousin
 - 36 Part of SASE
 - 37 Furry swimmer
 - 39 Rose or Fountain
 - 40 Assist a hood
 - 41 Brewery container
 - 42 Turned left
 - 43 Circle segment
 - 44 Knead
 - 47 Bridge over a stage
 - 49 Expurgate
 - 54 Taylor and Torn
 - 55 Falling pollution
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 - 58 Very old
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 - 65 Freshly moist
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 - 9 Previously
 - 10 Springs
 - 11 Dubliner's dish
 - 12 Moral transgression
 - 13 Solidify
 - 21 Anthracite or bituminous
 - 22 Spud
 - 24 "Finnegan's ___"
 - 25 Furious
 - 26 Created stacks
 - 28 Catchers' gloves
 - 30 Writer Asimov
 - 31 Actress Winger
 - 32 Arc-lamp component
 - 33 Toward the stern
 - 35 Clean air grp.
 - 37 Roundish shapes
 - 38 Piece of work
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 - 44 Sap yielding trees



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Solutions to last week's puzzle

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- 45 Stress
- 46 Moves smoothly and effortlessly
- 48 Movie whale
- 50 Carrying a weapon

- 51 Gullible
- 52 Tendon
- 53 Ledger item
- 55 Malarial fever
- 56 High mountain
- 57 Black goo
- 58 24-hr. \$ source

HOROSCOPES

By Lasha Seniuk/KRT

Aries (March 21-April 20) Unexpected social advice may this week strain family relations. Loved ones are now highly motivated to offer their wisdom concerning

or vague requests may cause unnecessary tensions between colleagues. After Thursday, social and romantic passions intensify. Serious commitments or renewed promises may be expected: don't hesitate.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) Financial

complex emotional triangles. Remain patient and accept all comments as constructive: genuine affection is the underlying motive.

Taurus (April 21-May 20) Early this week, authority figures will respond to creative suggestion. Later this week, someone close may wish to explore a new level of emotional intimacy. Be receptive: in the coming weeks, long-term romantic relationships will need to deepen or include plans of relocation.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) Listen closely to the needs or opinions of authority figures: minor errors

promises or rare money proposals may trigger key decisions early this week. Friday through Sunday highlight fast social changes and new obligations. A friend or relative may require advice concerning strained home relationships.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) Workplace gossip and romantic speculation are best avoided over the next few days. After mid-week, loved ones may express a desire for social excitement or new home routines. Several weeks of isolation and low self-esteem need to end. Offer creativity and wisdom: your advice will be appreciated.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Long-term relationships will now experience a brief but intense phase of questioning and social discussion. After Tuesday, loved ones ask may for more time, consideration or patience. Set firm boundaries and expect honest reactions: your emotional cues will be respected.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Before next week, physical intimacy will help move relationships forward. Passionate encounters and seduction are now a key theme. Some Librans will soon redefine key friendships and greatly expand long-term romantic obligations. If so, expect fast proposals and renewed vitality: friends and lovers are now dedicated to a rekindled faith in love and reliable social promises.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Romantic attraction is now unavoidable. Over the next eight days, expect new colleagues or friends to offer coy flirtations and seductive invitations. Stay calm. In the coming weeks, social

complications will increase: ask for added time and closely examine all consequences.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Younger relatives may this week ask for continued financial or emotional support. Educational planning, job creation or lifestyle choices may all be accented. Offer concrete suggestions: practical duties, regulations and official requirements will soon help clarify difficult decisions. After mid-week, love relationships may experience a brief but intense phase of public discussion.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 20) Yesterday's social or family decisions will now be proven accurate. Early this week, watch for loved ones to offer unique insights into their private activities, hopes or long-term goals. Discuss all complex issues and allow extra time for emotional expression. Passions may be high.

Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 19) Family gatherings will this week provide new opportunities for

inclusion. Isolated or distrustful relatives may now opt for emotional bonding, family progress or social acceptance. Respond with gentle acknowledgement: in the coming weeks, new habits and improved attitudes are best slowly explored.

Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20) After mid-week, loved ones may propose unique travel ventures, extended leisure activities or rare social events. Go slow: a thorough discussion of short-term plans will soon reveal deeper issues.

If your birthday is this week: In Planetary alignments now indicate that the coming year will provide dramatic opportunities in the home business, financial or communications fields. After mid-February, home relations will also demand decisions. Early March through mid-April highlight dramatic changes in romantic alliances and powerful social decisions. Pay close attention to the needs and aspirations of friends and lovers: diplomacy will play a vital role.

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Greyhounds drop Drexel for first win

By PETE THEIS
STAFF WRITER

Several glaring weaknesses were revealed last weekend for the Loyola women's basketball team as they dropped their opening game to Columbia 75-69. However, the team showed signs of promise and resiliency, and carried that over to Sunday in an 11-point victory over Drexel.

"The team is improving and getting better with every game," head coach Joe Logan said. "We have a lot of character and we never let down. Our seniors played great against Drexel and carried us a lot of the way."

The contest against Drexel in Philadelphia started off with the Greyhounds scoring quickly. They used a 7-0 run during the first four minutes to push ahead 21-5 midway through the first half. During the run, seniors Jill Glessner and Brittany Dunn hit five baskets combined.

The Dragons responded with a run of their own, scoring seven unanswered points to cut the Greyhound lead to 31-22.

The resurgent Dragons came out hot in the second half. Using a run capped off by a lay-up from Nicole McCombs, they cut Loyola's lead to one: 37-36.

The Greyhounds, who shot 42 percent from the floor, responded with another run to build an 11 point lead that they would never relinquish. In addition to the shooting, the Hounds went to the foul line 24 times in the second half to seal the 66-57 victory.

Dunn and Glessner led the Hounds with 17 points each. Junior Tynisha Davis added 15 points and junior Meghan Wood had 10. Glessner capped off her big day by grabbing eight boards and dropping three dimes while Davis and Wood contributed to the rebounding effort with six and five respectively.

"Going into the second half we were ahead, so we felt pretty good about our performance," said Glessner. "Then, during the second half, Drexel used a run to cut our lead to three. We worked together to stop their run and build our lead to ten."

Glessner also believes that the team's successes came from being able to handle the ball and not turning it over.

Coach Logan was especially excited about the performance.

"It was a big win for us and it's nice to beat a team that plays in a conference ranked

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Hassan Fofana dunks in Friday night's game. After a late collapse against Navy, the Hounds went to their inside game where they dominated North Florida.

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Brown puts up 54 in weekend split

By DAVE LOMONICO
SPORTS EDITOR

For periods during the 2K Sports College Hoops Classic in Queens, N.Y. last weekend, the Loyola men's basketball team showcased their talents to begin the 2006-2007 campaign.

Unfortunately, a lackluster final eight minutes, which resulted in a 73-61 loss to Navy, forced the Hounds to play in the consolation match on Saturday. Against a weaker North Florida squad, the men rebounded, using a breakout second half in which the Hounds went 18-26 from the floor to demolish the Ospreys 65-50.

With a freshman point guard, an electric small forward who has not played in two years, and a multitude of nagging injuries, Loyola is in for its share of inconsistent play.

"[Michael] Tuck is playing on one leg, Tony Lewis is out for the year, Hassan [Fofana] has a bad back, and [Marquis] Sullivan has a bad hand," said head coach Jimmy Patsos. "I'm not using the injuries as excuses, but I thought we were going to be very deep and I look down at all the injuries and all of a sudden we're not very deep at all."

Luckily for the Hounds, they were pitted against a North Florida squad who never recovered from their embarrassing loss the night before at the hands of St. John's. If

the Red Storm left an impression on the Ospreys, then junior Gerald Brown left a permanent imprint. The small forward poured in 30 points to go along with six rebounds, five assists, and five steals.

Brown started the game with a layup and then immediately knocked down a triple to give the Hounds an early 5-0 lead. From there, turnovers from both squads led to a sloppy first half. At the 10 minute mark, with the score 15-6 in favor of the Greyhounds, Brown was the only sign of life on offense for Loyola, and the Ospreys missed numerous open looks.

In the latter part of the half, North Florida managed to creep back into the game and take a 19-17 lead with under four minutes until halftime. However, senior Shane James nailed a jumper followed by a pair of free throws from freshman Brett Harvey and Brown to give the Hounds a slim 23-20 lead at the half.

After turning the ball over 15 times in the first half, the Hounds concentrated on ball control as they worked the ball around the perimeter to create open looks for their jump shooters.

"We turned the ball over way too much in the first half," said Patsos. "So we went out with the mentality that a bad shot is better than a turnover. And the shots just started falling."

While the Ospreys hung around for the

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Beckham put on the backburner

JAMIE POSTER



JOGA BONITO

I cannot stand David Beckham. Something about this man forces me to swell with rage. After an examination of my inner-self, which included a thorough investigation of my daily routine, I found, amazingly, that my alter ego is constantly being inundated with Beckham-mania. One of the first things I do every morning is read the foreign newspapers, checking on the nuances of soccer overseas. Normally I would suggest you do the same, but I would not want to put you through the pain of seeing more tabloid speculation about David Beckham's fashion, his hair, his movie-star attitude, his ripped abs, and maybe his soccer game.

The worldwide infatuation with this guy is killing me. Not only do the paparazzi love him in Europe, but, heck, even Americans know who Beckham is. There are hundreds of thousands of soccer players worldwide, and the media just continually focuses on one man.

Is it his skills? I hope not, considering his recent showing at the World Cup, which included his best impersonation of "Steamin' Willie Beamen's" moment of regurgitation on the sidelines in "Any Given Sunday."

Maybe it is his looks? Well, I understand that girls are infatuated with "Becks," but, I mean, the rest of the male-dominated soccer audience could care less.

So, in honor of those of you who are just fed up with the pretty boy of soccer, I have decided to concentrate on some real, young talent in today's game. In fact, this American (yes, that's right, American) has excelled and just might be good enough to head across the pond during the January transfer period.

For those of you who have no idea about European soccer, the transfer period is much like the trading deadline in American professional sports. However, the rules are

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American Clint Dempsey, is making a name for himself in the MLS.

FEATURE ARTICLE

Next Issue:

Make sure to check out Dave Lomonico's two-part series detailing the successes and failures of Loyola's athletic programs, as well as the impact of the recently started Intercollegiate Athletic Complex.

Hounds thump Ospreys after stellar second half

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six minutes of the half, sophomore Marquis Sullivan, in his first start, opened up the half with a backbreaking three at 14:38, giving the Hounds a 37-28 advantage.

From there it seemed that Loyola never missed from the floor, eventually extending their lead to 43-33 with 12 minutes to play. At 12:43, the Osprey's Rashad Williams hit a jumper to draw the game to within 10, but that would be the last point for North Florida until the 4:45 mark. In the meantime, Brown, James, and senior Josko Alujevic combined for 18 straight points to give the Greyhounds a 61-33 lead.

The Ospreys made one last push, scoring 17 points in 4:30, but the deficit was too large to overcome.

Alujevic was instrumental in the victory as he scored nine points and added 12 boards to lead the Hounds. Overall, the Hounds dominated the paint as they held a 34-22 rebounding advantage to go along with a 58 percent shooting performance.

"You have to play 40 minutes and we did that [against North Florida]," said Patsos. "We were emotional and if you're going to be good, then you have to have that

emotion."

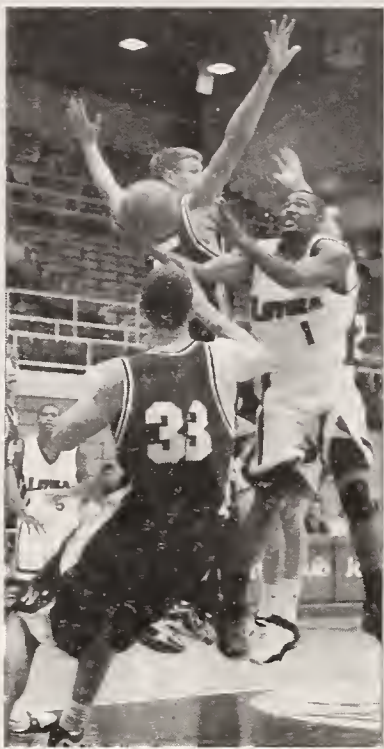
Midway through the first half of the Midshipmen match, Sullivan knocked down two shots from behind the arc, spurring a 15-4 Loyola run. With both teams trading hoops at the start, Sullivan was summoned off the bench to take over for senior Shane James. Playing only 13 minutes in the first half, Sullivan racked up 14 points, sparking a nine point halftime lead, 34-25.

Working the ball around the perimeter in a well-executed half-court, Loyola shot at an impressive 48 percent clip from the floor in the first half, including a 4-10 performance from three. However, they never established a transition game, scoring a measly two points in their fast-break.

Going 10 players deep, the Greyhounds received 19 points from their bench, as opposed to none for the Midshipmen. If not for the Hounds' inexperience coupled with Navy's lack of depth, a fast-paced match could have sealed the game for Loyola.

Working the ball up the court, Navy put together a steady comeback before they took off for 13 unanswered points late in the second half.

The Hounds staved off Navy, keeping at least a 10 point margin with less than 10



COURTESY: JOSHUA MASSEL/ ST. JOHN'S

Gerald Brown splits between two defenders for a lay-up. He scored 30 points on Saturday.



COURTESY: JOSHUA MASSEL/ ST. JOHN'S

Michael Tuck (left) and Hassan Fofana (center) were forced to the bench with injuries. The Hounds have been the victim of early season injuries, challenging the team's depth.

minutes to play. Biding their time, the Midshipmen caught fire, hitting 6-12 shots from downtown to go along with a perfect 20-20 from the charity stripe.

"We had key breakdowns late," said Patsos. "We made some mistakes defensively in the last eight minutes and did not defend the perimeter well in the second half."

With the game tied at 54 with less than six minutes remaining, T.J. Topercer hit two back-breaking threes to give Navy their largest lead of the day. Junior Gerald Brown, who led Loyola with 24 points, put up a valiant 17-point effort in the second half, but he turned the ball over seven times. The Midshipmen took advantage of the errors, sealing the game from the line.

Loyola out-rebounded Navy 33-29 and held a 10-2 advantage in offensive boards. However, the Hounds only shot 65 percent

from the line and failed to hit a second-half three, which ultimately led to their undoing.

Freshman Brett Harvey handled the point well in his first regular season action, dishing out four assists and committing only two turnovers in 31 minutes of play. Senior Michael Tuck, playing with an injured leg, put up eight points and five rebounds, covering the post for Loyola.

Patsos stressed that the season is just beginning and the fans must be patient as the Hounds develop their bench and battle through the injuries. Defensive breakdowns, mental mistakes in transition, and turnovers are concerns that must be ironed out as the team continues to gel.

The Hounds bring their 1-1 record back to Baltimore on Tuesday when they will take on local foe UMBC in a televised game starting at 7:30 p.m.

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Age old tradition honored

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With all the tradition that surrounds Thanksgiving, many recall the age-old story of the Natives bringing the starving Puritan settlers a great feast. But many forget how that first true dinner came to be.

A little known fact is that it had nothing to do with Native-American hospitality, but, in reality, that dinner was the result of the first ever gridiron grudge match on American soil: the Turkeybowl.

It was 1621 and the Puritans had fallen on hard times. Seeing their dilemma, the Natives confronted the settlers with a proposition:

"Beat us in football and we will dine with you. Lose, and flee this land forever."

The Pilgrims had no choice but to play, and were undoubtedly the underdog after suffering from malnutrition and playing away from their home turf. But with a strong Christian faith and a little known blacksmith quarterback named Goodman Favre, the Pilgrim's prevailed and feasted with the Natives.

Following the feast, the two groups bonded and made the game a yearly tradition, and now, almost 400 years later, the game still goes on.

With the advent of the NFL, the classic clash of titans has been put on the backburner by the major broadcasting companies. However, thanks to a few key marketing changes, the game will be broadcast nationwide this year.

After dealing with numerous bidders,

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Truths

Over 600 people
attended the 2005
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over \$20,000.

THE GREYHOUND

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Ryan Reeser has been the best swimmer for the Hounds this season and put together some of his strongest swims at last weekend's Thomas Murphy Invitational.

Reeser participated in a total of seven events, including four individual events and three relays.

Reeser placed first in the 500-yard and 200-yard freestyle events with times of 4:44.87 and 1:43.60 respectively. Reeser also placed second in the 100-yard freestyle and third in the 50-yard freestyle.

The senior leader teamed with three other Hounds to win all three relay events: the 400-yard freestyle, the 800-yard freestyle, and the 200-yard freestyle.

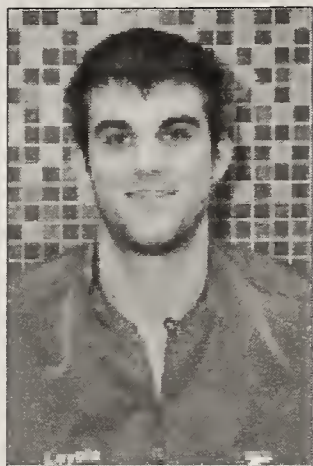


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Ryan Reeser
Senior

Blair, Hounds yield to Stags in final home match

BY STEPHANIE RIGIONE
STAFF WRITER

Green and white balloons along with streamers and signs surrounded the volleyball court for the Hounds' last home game last Saturday. The lone senior on the squad, Blair Snyder, made her last appearance on her home court. Caught up in the emotion, the energy never translated onto the court as Loyola was pummeled by Fairfield.

The Stags made a bold statement in the first two games of the match. They came out on fire in game one, scoring point after point and finding the holes in Loyola's defense.

Freshmen Kristen Muscarella and Nicole Scimeme (who stepped in for freshman liberero Kimi Gabriel who had a concussion) showed hustle, but they were always fingertips away from saving the ball. Snyder stepped up to give Loyola a bit of a rally, but the momentum soon died.

The Hounds lost game one 30-13, and game two followed the same pattern, with the Hounds losing 30-11.

With it being their final match at home, the Hounds refused to go down silently in game three.

"We prepared in practice for this game, and it showed in our third game," freshman Karlee Woodward said.

Sophomore Maddie Fuller was a force in the third game, dominating the backline by returning even the strongest of Fairfield's strikes. Snyder, Woodward, and sophomore Rachel Shillinger broke down the Fairfield defense with well placed hits of their own.

However, Fairfield managed to hang with the Hounds, as both teams traded points towards the end of the game. Eventually the Stags outlasted Loyola in the nailbiting finale, sealing the three game sweep with a 30-26 victory.

Although the team was embarrassed in their final home match, last Thursday the Hounds recorded a three game sweep of their own against Rider (30-28, 30-19, and 30-27).

The team was led by Woodward's 12 kills followed by a seven kill effort from both Snyder and freshman Chrissey Cruz. Scimeme had 24 digs and Muscarella had 11 for the Greyhounds.

Despite the up-and-down season, Shillinger said that the team is excited and prepared for the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference tournament in Orlando next weekend.

"We have had moments this season where you can see what we are capable of," Schillinger said. "We'll be better in the tournament."

Snyder, the unquestioned leader of the team, will be expected to carry the Hounds in her last MAAC tourney.

"Blair has stepped up these past two weeks, and she is playing her best volleyball," head coach Kristina Hernandez said. "[Next year] there will be a void, and like all seniors, she will be missed."

In her four years with the team, Snyder has not only been a game changer for Loyola, but she has helped her teammates become better players.

"As a freshman, I didn't know what to expect, but her knowledge of volleyball and her overall presence has impacted me," Gabriel

said. "She will be missed."

Snyder said that she cannot imagine life after volleyball and in the future may even start a team with her younger sister.

"Volleyball is my life; I've been eating, sleeping, and breathing it since I was 14," Snyder said. "I can't get it out of my system."

The Hounds will play in the Orlando MAAC tournament starting on Wednesday.



ALI DYKHOUSE/GREYHOUND

After a 3-0 win over Rider, the Hounds failed to follow up in their final match.

Runners finish at Regionals

BY KAT KIENLE
STAFF WRITER

Redundant clichés. They lurk everywhere. Yet, despite their extremely cheesy demeanor, they ring true in just about every aspect of life, especially sports. So even though the Loyola cross country team did not at first succeed with the high standards they set for themselves in 2006, they will still try, try again.

Last Saturday in Loch Haven, Pennsylvania, both the men's and women's cross country teams came up short of their season goal of placing 15th or better at the NCAA Regionals.

In a spirited battle to qualify for the NCAA championship, the meet featured the Middle Atlantic's best teams.

Yet the Greyhound runners still established themselves as competitive forces out on the course.

The men, with a score of 556 points, placed 19th to tie for the best finish in school history. They were pitted against powerhouse schools like American, Villanova, and Georgetown (who won the race).

The top Loyola runner on the men's side was sophomore Chris Heibell who finished 61st in the 10K course in a time of 32:25.6.

Heibell has been a standout runner in the last two meets, stepping in for the injured junior Gian Caccia.

Heibell was followed by junior Brian Parker who placed 97th, while sophomore Keith Forlenza, freshman Terry Moran, and sophomore Timm Woods rounded out the top-five for Loyola.

"Although the boys and I are disappointed that we came up short in this

week's meet, we've had just about the best season in Loyola history," said head coach Rick Woods. "With all of our top runners returning for next season, we'll continue to set our expectations high."

Meanwhile, the women placed 20th with a total score of 517 points in a race in which Princeton won. The Greyhounds' top finisher was standout senior Andrea Rovegno who finished 20th with a time of 21:14 to earn all-region honors.

She did not, however, achieve her goal of qualifying for the NCAA championships. Despite the disappointment, the selfless leader was still more concerned about her team's performance.

"I'm disappointed that I didn't end up qualifying," Rovegno said. "But these past four years have been such a phenomenal experience."

"We gave everything at this meet and I'm so proud of the effort everyone put in."

The women's team will not only lose Rovegno, but a strong core of four other seniors as well.

"Losing Andrea, who has been the flagship for this team these past few years, along with the other senior girls, will be hard," said Woods. "But they have been such great examples and inspired the younger runners to step up to the challenge of running inner-collegiate cross country."

Senior Colleen Depman followed Rovegno, grabbing the 106th spot.

She was closely followed by sophomore Maureen Wynne, freshman Alex Beaver, and senior Sarah Spencer to round out the top-five Loyola finishers.

The last meet of the season for the team and the seniors will take place next Saturday at the ECAC championships in New York.

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Swimmers finish second to Hopkins at FAC

By JIM DELANEY
STAFF WRITER

The Hounds returned to action this past weekend, placing second in the Thomas Murphy Invitational. Loyola, Johns Hopkins, VMI, and Howard competed in the event honoring former Hounds head coach, Thomas Murphy.

JHU, one of the top Division III schools, has consistently competed in the D-III championships. In addition, VMI is the defending men's North East Conference

Four score in double digits, Dunn gets 17

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higher than your own," said Logan.

Friday's game in New York City started off slow until a run from the Hounds put them ahead 12-8 with just over 13 minutes left in the half. The rest of the half went back and forth as the Lions had a 12-0 run of their own to push ahead 20-12.

However, the Greyhounds outscored Columbia 13-6 with key baskets from Dunn, Davis, Glessner. At the half Columbia held a one point advantage: 26-25.

In the second half, Loyola, who turned the ball over 23 times, got sloppy.

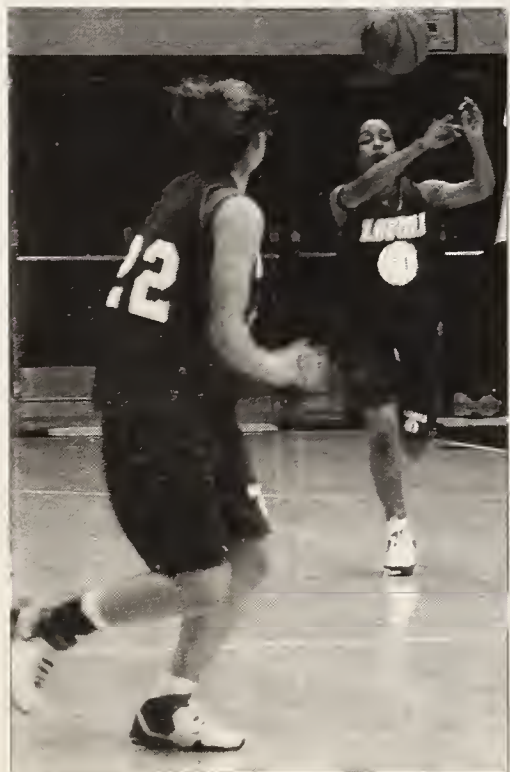
"We were too careless with the ball and as a result turned the ball over too many times," said Glessner. "It's also very difficult to defeat a team that shoots 63 percent from the field."

Taking advantage, the Lions led by 15 points with 10 minutes left, 56-41. In desperate need of a run, the Greyhounds pushed the offense, chizzling the lead down to two. However, Columbia nailed their free throws late, securing the seven point victory.

Glessner led the Hounds with 19 points, five rebounds and four steals. Wood finished second in scoring with 16 points and seven rebounds, and Davis added 12 points.

Despite the loss, the team showed heart in making a valiant comeback, cutting the 15-point deficit to three.

The team will look to continue their momentum on Nov. 17 when they take on rival UMBC.



KAT KLENLE/GREYHOUND

Brittany Dunn and Jill Glessner led the Hounds with 17 points apiece at Drexel.

champion.

The Greyhounds have put in the time, and the results are starting to show.

"We are all really practicing hard and are determined to perform well in every meet," junior Jon Sheffield said. "We want to do better on both sides [men and women] so that we can ultimately place higher at the MAACs."

The women's team was led by freshman Melissa White who won the 200-IM and kicked off the 400-IM relay, which placed third.

The women had great swims, beating VMI and Howard convincingly, but ultimately fell to Hopkins 209-148.

Freshman Megan Royer, junior Megan Hadley, and sophomore Victoria Kamauff also had outstanding swims.

The women's team continues to improve

week after week and is beginning to come together. They have twice as many members on the team as the men, and are proving that their depth will carry them through the MAAC season.

Senior Ryan Reeser continues to prove that he is one of the top swimmers in the MAAC by winning the 500-yard freestyle in 4:44.87.

A total of seven men finished in the top 16 in the 500. In one of the more exciting races, Ryan and his younger brother Brad finished tied for third in the 50-yard freestyle event with a time of 21.01.

"We are all swimming really well, especially in our freestyle events," junior Dan Pluta said. "JHU is a tough match-up for us, since they are one of the strongest programs in Division III."

"We are confident, however, that if we

continue to work hard at practice, the rewards will follow."

Other great swims were put in by senior Carl Sylvester, junior Paul Ebert, sophomore E.J. Verrico, and junior Pat Hicks.

The women return to action this Saturday against Mt. St. Mary's, and both teams return for a monumental invitational meet the first weekend in December against MAAC powerhouses Marist and Niagara.

American headed for Europe?

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different for soccer in Europe, and because of the intense nine month season, there are two transfer windows instead of just one deadline. In the first window, teams have between July 1st and up until midnight of August 31st to bring in a new player. In the second window, teams have from December 31st until midnight on January 31st.

When a casual soccer fan of American soccer is asked about whom he/she feels is the best talent still stuck playing in the MLS, the first name mentioned is always Freddy Adu. Now, do not get me wrong, Freddy is an outstanding young talent, but he is still very raw and has no experience on the international stage.

The best talent in the states at the moment is Clint Dempsey. Dempsey, a 23-year-old native of Nacogdoches, Texas, is best known for his goal scoring capabilities for the US MNT at this past summer's World Cup. (Not to mention, "Deuce" is also a talented rapper, unlike Ron-Ron, selling 343 albums in his first week.)

Dempsey is a fan favorite, however, because he performs on the field. Listed as a Central Midfielder, Clint's versatility allows him to play either up front or on the wing, as he did in Germany when he scored against Ghana. He was named MLS Rookie of the Year in 2004 even though he had limited playing time with a broken jaw. Dempsey also took home the US MNT's most prestigious honor: the Honda Player of the Year for 2006.

However, Dempsey's life has been far from perfect. After battling the pain of losing his older sister to a brain aneurysm, Deuce has also had to deal with the limitations of Major League Soccer. The MLS, a far inferior brand of soccer to that in Europe, is currently unwilling to let great players mature overseas. Last August, Charlton Athletic from the English Premier League offered a \$1.5 million transfer fee to MLS, but the fee was rejected. Dempsey, furious, felt that his best chance at making a splash in the EPL would come after his strong showing at this past summer's World Cup.

Despite his anger, Clint has not allowed his frustrations to carry onto the field, as he has helped the New England Revolution win the MLS Cup. However, Dempsey said that if he does not get transferred in the upcoming January transfer window, he will not return to the MLS after 2007.

Deuce realizes that the only way to become a true superstar and help the Men's National Team win the Cup in 2010 is to leave the MLS money behind and pursue his dream of playing in the English Premier League.

On a side note, those John Mellencamp Chevy commercials have grown to the point of utter exhaustion. And advertisers wonder why engineers finally used their common sense and invented TIVO.



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Senior Ryan Reeser won the 200 free in a time of 1:43.6

Pilgrims/Natives face off

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the teams eventually sold the rights of the Turkeybowl match to Fox. As always, the network has already covered its marketing ground to ensure high ratings by forcing celebrity names and cheap gimmicks down our throats.

The game will be covered by world renowned broadcasters Joe Buck and Tony Kornheiser. Buck, known for his voice which "feels like velvet covered in peanut butter." Kornheiser was immediately picked up for his New York attitude and comedic allusions to pop culture.

Perhaps the biggest name is the game's guest coin tosser, Pierce Brosnan. Obviously, Fox felt the need to create a non-partisan atmosphere for the coin tosser role in the match-up. In order to avoid controversy, they brought in the Puritan English actor to do the toss, but were shocked when he showed up dressed up as a character from one of his most famous rolls: *Grey Owl*.

The first of the gimmicks, suggested by a New York Pilgrim, was immediately embraced by the big wigs at Fox. Here is the premise: Mr. Met will entertain the fans, shooting ten pound turkeys at them on dead plays. Ultimately the plan was tossed because the FDA was worried about salmonella.

To add even more spice, 14 landmines will be placed in different spots of both end zones. Six ninjas will be part of the game as well, three placed on each twenty yard line to make red zone conversions a real struggle for both teams.

Now let's get to the game.

NATIVES: Why they'll bring home the gravy.

The Natives start out with a serious disadvantage because they are a man down. While they drafted the traditional eight players, one of their selected corners, the hopelessly talentless Falling Duck, died in

a tragic accident. This past summer, while enjoying the festivities at a harvest, Falling Duck dove into a vat of sour cream and never emerged.

So why draft a dead man? Here is an excerpt from an ancient native prophecy:

"...and yay, while the sinners quench their thirst and sleigh their bellies, One will fall. His descent shall have the eyes of his peers turned away from it, but those most uncouth will have no choice but to turn: for He will rise again, and decimate the opposing team with the holy light of one-thousand warriors."

If the prophecy holds true (and it's obvious the Natives believe it is) the Pilgrim's defeat will be swift and bloody, as the chosen One rains down the power of the pagan Natives heresy. Natives squeak by with a four point victory.

PILGRIMS: Why they will be carving the turkey.

The atmosphere in the Pilgrim locker-room was anything but serious. This Pilgrim team was barely even talking about the game as they were more concerned with current events like the Colt's dismantling of the Patriots.

However, I was intrigued by how well the team jelled in conversation, but wondered how it would translate onto the field.

When asked about their strategy, Captain John Patrick Mason had this to say: "Unlike the Natives, we don't intend to rest our game plan for victory on some obscure theological passage. We will win this game with good old-fashioned, smashmouth Pilgrim football."

Although it is often hard to determine a favorite in this war of wills, the Natives are playing a man down, thus giving the Pilgrims an early edge in Vegas.

That being said, it is hard to bet against the men in the black and white. Pilgrims prevail, win by a field goal.

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